

GENERAL INFORMATION			
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Course Prefix/Number: PHI 2604	Course Title: Critical Thinking and Ethics		
Number of Credits: 3			
Degree Type	<input type="checkbox"/> B.A. <input type="checkbox"/> B.S. <input type="checkbox"/> B.A.S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.A. <input type="checkbox"/> A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> A.A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> C.C.C. <input type="checkbox"/> A.T.C. <input type="checkbox"/> V.C.C		
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<input type="checkbox"/> New Course Competency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Course Competency			
Course to be designated as a General Education course (part of the 36 hours of A.A. Gen. Ed. coursework): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
The above course links to the following Learning Outcomes: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers / Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Critical thinking <input type="checkbox"/> Information Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural / Global Perspective </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Social Responsibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Computer / Technology Usage <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic / Creative Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Responsibility </td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers / Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Critical thinking <input type="checkbox"/> Information Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural / Global Perspective	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Responsibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Computer / Technology Usage <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic / Creative Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Responsibility
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Course Description (limit to 50 words or less, must correspond with course description on Form 102): Course Description: This is a foundation course in philosophy. Students will learn critical thinking skills and will study major theories of ethics. Students will use methods of effective reasoning to reflect critically upon their values, ethical standards, and the ethical permissibility of topics such as euthanasia, animal rights, and environmental ethics. Prerequisite: ENC 1101.			
Prerequisite(s): <u>ENC 1101</u>	Corequisite(s): <u>None.</u>		

Course Competencies: (for further instruction/guidelines go to: <http://www.mdc.edu/asa/curriculum.asp>)

1. Defining key concepts relating to critical thinking.
2. Identifying the structure of arguments.
3. Applying various logical techniques to evaluate ethical issues such as those found in professional ethics, medical ethics, or environmental ethics.
4. Identifying various examples of logical fallacies.

1. Defining key concepts relating to ethics.
2. Identifying and explaining issues in meta-ethics such as moral realism, relativism or skepticism.

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3. Identifying and explaining issues in normative ethics such as Kantianism, utilitarianism, or hedonism.
4. Identifying and explaining issues in applied ethics such as the various positions on such as euthanasia, animal rights, and environmental ethics.
5. Describing different theoretical frameworks for resolving ethical dilemmas.

Competency 3: The student will apply critical thinking to the study of ethics by:

1. Examining and evaluating arguments for and against various ethical issues that arise in society, such as those found in professional ethics, medical ethics, or environmental ethics.
2. Examining and evaluating the arguments for and against the positions and theories discussed.
3. Applying personal values and ethical standards to the issues discussed and defending these views with philosophical arguments.

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