

Moral Philosophy | PIU33021

Year	Junior Sophister
ECTS Credits	10
Contact Hours	22 (11 x 2-hour seminars)
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	1
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Module Outline:

This module provides students with an introduction to moral philosophy, specifically focusing on normative ethics. The course begins with some topics in the philosophy of well-being and will examine theories of what makes a life go well. We will explore the relationship between well-being and pain, pleasure, as well as the fulfilment of desires and happiness. The core of the module focuses on normative ethics, where we will consider major theories of what makes something morally right or wrong. This will include utilitarianism and consequentialism more broadly, various deontological approaches to ethics, virtue ethics, as well as feminist approaches such as care and need-centred approaches to ethics. Students will learn to critically evaluate arguments, proposed in support of each of these theories in moral philosophy and to carefully formulate their views and arguments, to develop their ethical perspectives.

Assessment:

2 Essays (one mid module, one end of module), 25% each; 2 Exam questions (end of module) 25% each.

Recommended Reading:

An extended reading list will be provided at the start of the module. A piece of useful preliminary reading is:

Introduction (pp.1-10) of Driver, Julia. 2006. *Ethics: The Fundamentals*. Fundamentals of Philosophy. Wiley.