



蘇州大學
Soochow University

PHL 208 Global Ethics

Summer 2023

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 55 hours

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides an introduction to the theories and concepts of global ethics, examining ethical issues that arise in a globalized world. The course explores the ethical challenges associated with globalization, including issues related to global distributive justice, pollution and climate change, relativism. Students will engage with a range of perspectives on global ethics, examining how different theoretical frameworks can inform responses to global challenges.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Understand different ethical theories and their application to global issues
2. Analyze ethical issues in globalization, international relations, and global governance
3. Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate different perspectives on global ethics
4. Explore ethical dilemmas and potential solutions to global challenges
5. Examine different perspectives on global ethics, including those that are culturally and historically situated

PREREQUISITES

N/A

GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:



ITEM	POINTS
Reports	15 Points
Midterm 1	15 Points
Midterm 2	15 Points
Presentations	30 Points
Final Exam	25 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Heather Widdows, *Global Ethics: An Introduction*, 1st Edition, Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, 2012.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: What is global ethics Topic 2: Case studies for global ethics Topic 3: Global ethics, universalism and relativism Topic 4: Moral theory for global ethics Assessments: Report#1
Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: Moral reasons and arguments Topic 6: Political theory for global ethics Topic 7: Rawls's theory of justice Topic 8: Rights theory for global ethics Assessments:



	Report#2 Presentation#1
Module 3	Topics: Topic 9: Critiques of the rights framework Topic 10: Global governance and citizenship Topic 11: Ethical criticisms of the global economic system Topic 12: Global poverty Assessments: Midterm#1 Presentation#2
Module 4	Topics: Topic 13: The capability approach Topic 14: Global conflict: war, terrorism and humanitarian intervention Topic 15: Global bioethics Topic 16: Challenges of genetics Assessments: Midterm#2 Presentation#3
Module 5	Topics: Topic 17: Global environmental and climate ethics Topic 18: The environmental crisis Topic 19: Global gender justice Topic 20: Male frameworks and theories Assessments: Report#3 Final Exam

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed



the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for



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access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.