PHILOSOPHY 318: INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (Summer 2017)

TIME AND DAYS: M-F, 11-12:15.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Chuck Krecz: Wag 423, Mon. and Tues. 11:15, and by appointment.

TEXTS:


Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, trans. Paton

Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Texts available at the University Bookstore.

DESCRIPTION: An introduction to ethics by way of an examination of three great ethical theorists. We will be concerned with a number of fundamental ethical questions such as the nature of the good person, the nature of the good life, and criteria for determining moral obligation.

REQUIREMENTS:
1. You are responsible for all assigned reading, and attendance at lecture and discussion section and taking tests. Excessive absences will result in failure.

2. There will be three examinations, each counting for about one-third of your grade. Class participation will be used to decide borderline cases. The exams will be essay type or combination objective-essay type. Except in emergency situations, makeup exams will cost a full letter grade.

EXAM SCHEDULE: TBA

FIRST ASSIGNMENT: Read all of the Nicomachean Ethics, paying special attention to Books 1-4, 8 and 10. Your first exam will include this reading along with material provided in lectures.