



# Phil 3320

# Foundations of Ethics

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The class will study morality by studying and reflecting upon key positions and thinkers in moral philosophy. Moral philosophy is philosophy about morality. Morality may be briefly conceived of as what is right to do and what ought to be done, as opposed to those things that we happen to do and are done. It may also be conceived of as those things that make life good – happy, meaningful, worthwhile living.

The class will examine three basic classical philosophical positions in ethics, by engaging original texts: Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill (and/or Jeremy Bentham). We will also examine contemporary developments in moral philosophy by philosophers who are leading Aristotelians, Kantians, and Utilitarians, and are at the same time philosophers in their own right: Alasdair MacIntyre, Bernard Williams, and Christine Korsgaard.

