

Spring 2018
Phil 3320: Foundations of Ethics
Tuesday 6:05 – 9:25 pm
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This course aims to introduce students to central ethical concepts and theories. We will open by reading foundational texts, such as Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, and Mill's *Utilitarianism*. We will follow this with an investigation into the nature of ethical judgment, exploring challenges to moral universalism. In this section, we will read texts by feminists, sentimentalists, and non-Western philosophers, and we will evaluate the prospects of resolving or adjudicating moral disagreement. And finally we will examine how ethical theories can be applied to such issues as climate justice and the ethics of war.