Philosophy 110e

Professor Clark

Syllabus

Office: LA 154
Hrs: 3:30pm and by appointment

Course Objectives:
Identify those features which distinguish moral phenomena from non-moral phenomena; establish familiarity with fundamental moral concepts and their conceptual structure; develop the ability to formulate principled philosophical arguments regarding moral issues; explore and evaluate traditional approaches to establish foundations for moral discourse.

Attendance is mandatory. Be sure you understand the commitment this course requires from you, inclusive of daily readings, careful daily reviews and preparation for four examinations. Those who have otherwise conflicting demands or schedules should not take the course.

Course Materials:
Five Dialogues: Plato;
Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals, Kant;
Utilitarianism, Mill;
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Douglass;
Electronic Reading Materials;
Class film(s)

Syllabus—in the order of assignments:
2. Class film.
4. “Aristotle.” (ER)
5. Galatians; Romans—chapters 1-6, (ER).
6. Kant, selections from Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals.
8. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass.

Grading
During the course, there will be three exams, as listed below. These will total 50% of the grade, with the lowest grade dropped from consideration. There will be no make-up exams. The final exam will count the other 50% of the grade. Borderline cases for the course grade will take into account class attendance and the quality of contributions offered during class discussion.