

## Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2015

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Philosophy  
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Philosophy - D0575  
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences  
Level/Career Undergraduate  
Course Number/Catalog 3310  
Course Title Morality and the Mind  
Transcript Abbreviation Morality and Mind  
Course Description An introduction to issues in moral psychology including various interactions between moral philosophy and issues in psychology and cognitive science.  
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

## Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 7 Week, 4 Week (May Session), 12 Week (May + Summer)  
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never  
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No  
Grading Basis Letter Grade  
Repeatable No  
Course Components Lecture  
Grade Roster Component Lecture  
Credit Available by Exam No  
Admission Condition Course No  
Off Campus Never  
Campus of Offering Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites Prereq: 3 cr hrs in Philos other than 1500, or permission of instructor.  
Exclusions

## Cross-Listings

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## Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 38.0101  
Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course  
Intended Rank Sophomore, Junior, Senior

## Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

## Course Details

### Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Developing analytical reasoning skills and integrating philosophical and scientific work on morality and moral cognition.

### Content Topic List

- Psychology of moral reasoning
- Moral nativism
- Moral motivation
- Virtue and character
- Freedom, responsibility, and addiction.

## Attachments

- 3310 Morality and the Mind Syllabus.docx  
*(Syllabus. Owner: O'Keeffe,Susan B)*
- Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum Map.docx  
*(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: O'Keeffe,Susan B)*
- Psychology Concurrence E-Mail.pdf  
*(Concurrence. Owner: O'Keeffe,Susan B)*

## Comments

- - Please add goals on course form (now required by OAA).  
-Please request concurrence from Dept of Psychology *(by Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal on 01/09/2015 03:42 PM)*

## Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	O'Keeffe,Susan B	12/18/2014 08:32 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	D'Arms,Edward Justin	12/18/2014 08:48 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Heysel,Garett Robert	01/08/2015 05:39 PM	College Approval
Revision Requested	Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal	01/09/2015 03:42 PM	ASCCAO Approval
Submitted	O'Keeffe,Susan B	01/29/2015 02:00 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	D'Arms,Edward Justin	01/29/2015 02:04 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Heysel,Garett Robert	01/30/2015 09:51 PM	College Approval
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**PHILOSOPHY 3310**  
**Morality and the Mind**

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Course Details</b>
TBA	Course # TBA
Email: TBA	Call # TBA
Office: TBA	Location: TBA
Office hours: TBA	Time: TBA

**Course description:** this course is an introduction to issues in moral psychology. We will consider various interactions between moral philosophy and issues in psychology and cognitive science, including the psychology of moral reasoning, moral nativism, moral motivation, virtue and character.

**Course requirements:** grades will be based on attendance and participation (25%) and three short 5-6 page papers (25% each). All three papers must be completed in order to pass the course. Late papers will be penalized by a third of a letter grade per day.

**Course attendance and participation:** this is a discussion-based class and a so significant portion of your final grade will be based upon attendance and participation. Students are expected to attend all classes, to complete the assigned reading in advance, and to participate regularly in class discussion. A record of attendance will be taken. Please turn off laptops and other electronic devices during class.

**Course materials:** there is no text book for the class. All readings will be available via Carmen.

**Paper deadlines:** paper topics will be announced two weeks in advance of the deadline.

- First paper deadline: TBA
- Second paper deadline: TBA
- Third paper deadline: TBA

**Guidelines:** please read James Pryor's guidelines on reading and writing a philosophy paper at <http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/index.html>

**Academic Misconduct**

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>.

**Disability Services**

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

## Course Outline

### Introduction (Weeks 1-2)

- Philip Kitcher: "Four Ways of Biologizing Ethics"
- Thomas Nagel: "Ethics as an Autonomous Theoretical Subject"
- John Doris and Stephen Stich: "Moral Psychology: Empirical Approaches"

### Moral Reasoning (Weeks 3-4)

- Joshua Greene: "The Secret Joke of Kant's Soul"
- Jonathan Haidt: "The Emotional Dog and its Rational Tail"
- Jesse Prinz: "The Emotional Basis of Moral Judgment"
- Selim Berker: "The Normative Insignificance of Neuroscience"
- Walter Sinnott-Armstrong: "Moral Intuitionism Meets Empirical Psychology"

### Moral Nativism (Weeks 5-6)

- Gilbert Harman: "Using a Linguistic Analogy to Study Morality"
- John Mikhail: "The Poverty of the Moral Stimulus"
- Marc Hauser: "Reviving Rawls' Linguistic Analogy"
- Jesse Prinz: "Against Moral Nativism"
- Kim Sterelny: "Moral Nativism: A Skeptical Response"

### Moral Motivation (Weeks 7-8)

- Michael Smith: "The Humean Theory of Motivation"
- Adina Roskies: "Are Ethical Judgments Intrinsically Motivational?"
- Shaun Nichols: "How Psychopaths Threaten Moral Motivation"
- Jeannette Kennett: "Autism and Empathy"

### Virtue Ethics and Character (Weeks 9-10)

- Stanley Milgram: "A Behavioral Study of Obedience"
- Gilbert Harman: "Moral Philosophy Meets Social Psychology: Virtue Ethics and the Fundamental Attribution Error"
- John Doris: "Persons, Situations, and Virtue Ethics"
- Rachanar Kamtekar: "Situationism and Virtue Ethics on the Content of Our Character"

### Freedom, Responsibility and Addiction (Weeks 11-12)

- Harry Frankfurt: "Freedom of the Will and the Concept of a Person"
- Gary Watson: "Free Agency"
- Timothy Schroeder and Nomy Arpaly: "Addiction and Blameworthiness"
- Brendan Dill and Richard Holton: "The Addict in Us All"

As you will see below, Psychology concurs in the "Moral Psychology" with one proviso. We will change the title to "Morality and the Mind."

Justin

Begin forwarded message:

**Date:** January 28, 2015 at 3:44:30 PM EST  
**From:** Richard Petty <[petty.1@osu.edu](mailto:petty.1@osu.edu)>  
**To:** "D'Arms, Justin" <[darms.1@osu.edu](mailto:darms.1@osu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: concurrence request 1

You can proceed with your new title and we'll deal with any psych interest if and when it occurs.

Best,  
Rich

On 1/28/2015 3:39 PM, D'Arms, Justin wrote:

As you'll see from the email I just sent about the other class, cross listing is not a good option for us unless the plans for psychology faculty offering the course are more concrete.

Justin

On Jan 28, 2015, at 3:35 PM, Richard Petty <[petty.1@osu.edu](mailto:petty.1@osu.edu)> wrote:

Yes. That is fine. Would you have objections to cross listing it in psych in case someone would like to teach it as a psych course on occasion?

Rich

On 1/28/2015 3:27 PM, D'Arms, Justin wrote:

Thanks for your feedback. We will change the title of the course from "Moral Psychology" to "Morality and the Mind," if that will suffice to allay your concerns about the title. Does it?

Justin

On Jan 13, 2015, at 4:47 PM, Richard Petty <[petty.1@osu.edu](mailto:petty.1@osu.edu)> wrote:

Hi Justin:

Although the course and syllabus seem fine, I think many in my department would have a problem with the title. We like to reserve the "Psychology" term for courses taught in psychology to avoid confusion among students in ASC. Would you be open to calling the course Moral Philosophy and Behavior or Moral Philosophy and Decision Making or Cognition or some such thing. Perhaps you can be more creative.

Best,  
Rich

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On 1/13/2015 2:43 PM, D'Arms, Justin wrote:

Dear Rich,

This is the first of two requests for concurrence I am sending you. The Philosophy department would like to create a new course called Moral Psychology. A sample syllabus is attached.

As you will see, the readings for this class is drawn from a mix of psychological and philosophical sources, with much more of the latter. The general idea is to explore the philosophical significance of various psychological theories and claims about moral thinking and/or about decision making.

I would appreciate it if you could reply with any reactions to the proposed course, and let me know whether the Psychology department supports this request.

Thank you,  
Justin

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# Philosophy Undergraduate Major Curriculum Map and List of Semester Courses for Major

Required Courses	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think about, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
(prerequisite)	2500	Symbolic Logic	B			B
	3000	Gateway Seminar	B			
(three of these required)	3210	History of Ancient Philosophy		I		
	3220	History of Medieval Philosophy		I		
	3230	History of 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3240	History of 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3250	History of 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy		I		
	3261	Fundamental Concepts of Existentialism		I		
(required)	3300	Moral Philosophy	I		I	
(two of these required)	3310	Morality and the Mind			I	
	3530	Philosophy of Logic	I		I	I
	3650	Philosophy of Science	I		I	
	3680	Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology	I		I	
	3750	Introduction to Theory of Knowledge	I		I	
	3700	Introduction to Metaphysics	I		I	
	3800	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	I		I	
	3810	Philosophy of Action	I		I	
	3820	Philosophy of Perception	I		I	
	3830	Consciousness			I	
	3600	Introduction to Philosophy of Language	I		I	
(two of these required)	5193	Individual Studies	A	A	A	A
	5194	Group Studies	A	A	A	A
	5210	Studies in Ancient Philosophy	A	A		
	5211	Plato	A	A		
	5212	Aristotle	A	A		
	5220	Studies in Medieval Philosophy	A	A		
	5230	Studies in 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5240	Studies in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5241	Kant	A	A		

	5250	Studies in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5260	Studies in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	A	A		
	5261	Existentialism and Phenomenology	A	A		
	5263	American Philosophy	A	A		
	5300	Advanced Moral Philosophy	A		A	
	5400	Advanced Political and Social Philosophy	A		A	
	5410	Advanced Philosophy of Law	A		A	
	5420	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory	A		A	
	5450	Advanced Aesthetic Theory	A		A	
	5460	Philosophy in Literature				
	5500	Advanced Symbolic Logic	A			A
	5510	Advanced Logical Theory	A			A
	5520	Inductive Logic and Probability Theory	A			A
	5530	Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics	A		A	
	5540	Theory of Rational Choice	A		A	A
	5550	Nonclassical Logic	A			A
	5600	Advanced Philosophy of Language				
	5650	Advanced Philosophy of Science	A		A	
	5700	Advanced Metaphysics	A		A	
	5737	Proseminar in Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5750	Advanced Theory of Knowledge	A		A	
	5797	Study at a Foreign Institution	A	A	A	A
	5800	Advanced Philosophy of Mind	A		A	
	5830	Advanced Philosophy of Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5840	Introduction to Cognitive Science	A		A	
	5850	Philosophy of Religion	A		A	
	5870	Topics in Jewish Philosophy	A	A	A	
Elective Courses: Honors Program	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	2450H	Honors Philosophical Problems in the Arts	I		I	
	2470H	Honors Philosophy of Film	I		I	
	2900H	Freshman-Sophomore Proseminar	I	I	I	



	3341H	Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice	I	I	I	
	4900H	Junior-Senior Proseminar	A	A	A	
Elective Courses: General	Course Number	Course Title	Students Develop Critical Thinking about Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about the History of Philosophy	Students Read, Think, and Write about Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	Students Learn Formal Methods in Logic
	2120	Asian Philosophies	I	I		
	2194	Group Studies	I	I	I	I
	2342	Environmental Ethics	I		I	
	2400	Political and Social Philosophy	I		I	
	2450	Philosophical Problems in the Arts	I		I	
	2465	Death and the Meaning of Life	I	I		
	2500	Symbolic Logic				I
	2650	Introduction to the Philosophy of Science	I		I	
	2660	Metaphysics, Religion, and Magic in the Scientific Revolution	I	I		
	2860	Science and Religion	I		I	
	3111	Introduction to Jewish Philosophy	I	I		
	3260	Movements in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy	I	I		
	3262	Contemporary Continental Thought	I	I		
	3351	Judaism and Ethics	I		I	
	3410	Philosophical Problems in the Law	I		I	
	3420	Philosophical Perspectives on Issues of Gender	I		I	
	3430	The Philosophy of Sex and Love	I		I	
	3440	Theorizing Race	I		I	
	3870	Jewish Mysticism	I	I	I	

Total Required Hours: 30

Phil 2500; gateway seminar; three 3xxx history courses; three 3xxx systematic courses; two 5xxx courses, and one additional course at or above the 2xxx level

B = Beginner Level

I = Intermediate Level

A = Advanced Level

Note that, when a course is permitted to have a range of contents (at the discretion of the instructor), the course has been marked as apt to satisfy the full permitted range of undergraduate educational goals.