1. Categorical Imperative
   1. Universalizability Principle
      1. Act only on those maxims that you can consistently and coherently will to become universal law – a maxim to be followed by all similarly situated individuals
      2. Maxims
         1. Personal rule/policy articulating the end being sought and the motivation or reason for seeking it
   2. Respect Principle
2. Application of U.P.
   1. Formulate the maxim that defines the act, or under consideration
   2. Can I universalize that specific maxim?
   3. Yes 🡪 Permissible, “in accordance with duty”
   4. No 🡪 Impermissible, “contrary to duty”

Example:

* + - 1. I come to class in order to do what I think necessary to meet my educational goals.
      2. Can I say without any logical contradiction that “let all students act on that maxim?”
         1. Is it possible (conceivable) that everyone act on it?
         2. Can I want them to? Could a rational being want them to?
      3. Yes, it is permissible in accordance with duty.

A false promising example

A leaving someone in a lurch example