

## PHIL 1104 MEGA Spring 2023. Full Reading List

Bold face = Required reading

Non-bold = recommended for students wanting to know more, but not required

### Week 1 Introduction

**Syllabus** and other course material.

### Week 2 Epicurean ethics

**Epicurus, 'Letter to Menoeceus' & 'Leading Doctrines'**, in D. Cooper Ed, *Ethics: the Classic Readings*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1998, pp 47-58. Also in H. Shapiro ed. *Hellenistic Philosophy: selected readings* and in S. Cahn and P. Mackie eds., *Ethics: history, theory and contemporary Issues*.

**Catherine Wilson, 'How to be an Epicurean'**,  
<https://aeon.co/essays/forget-plato-aristotle-and-the-stoics-try-being-epicurean>

Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness* (Oxford University Press, 1993), Ch. 7

John Sellars, *The Pocket Epicurean* (University of Chicago Press 2021)

Catherine Wilson, *How to be an Epicurean. The Ancient Art of Living Well* (Basic Books, 2019)

### Week 3 Stoic ethics

**Epictetus, 'The Handbook'**, in Epictetus, in Epictetus, *The Complete Works* (edited and translated by Robert Waterfield), University of Chicago Press 2022. Other versions available in the library.

**Frank Thier, 'A Stoic Approach to Racism'**, *Philosophy Now*, 144: 14-16, 2021.  
[https://philosophynow.org/issues/144/A\\_Stoic\\_Approach\\_to\\_Racism](https://philosophynow.org/issues/144/A_Stoic_Approach_to_Racism)

Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness* (Oxford University Press, 1993), Ch. 5.

Tad Brennan, *The Stoic Life: Emotions, Duties and Fate* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

William Irvine, *A Guide to the Good Life* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

### Weeks 4-5 Aristotle's ethics

**Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books I and II** (available in various editions in the library)

Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness* (Oxford University Press, 1993), Introduction, Chs 1 & 4.

Sarah Broady, *Ethics with Aristotle* (Oxford University Press, 1994).

John Cottingham, *Philosophy and the Good Life* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), Ch. 2.

Erich Fromm, *Man for Himself* (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1947), Ch. 2

Alasdair MacIntyre, *A Short History of Ethics* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1998), Ch. 7.

### Week 6 Morality and religion

**Jonathon Berg, 'How Could Ethics Depend on Religion?'** in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993).

**Lois Hope Walker, 'Religion Gives Meaning to Life'**, in Louis Pojman, *Philosophy: The Quest for Truth*, 2nd edition (Wadsworth Publ.)

David Copp, *Morality, Normativity and Society* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995).

Kai Neilsen, *Ethics Without God*, (London: Pemberton, 1973), Ch 1.

James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, 3rd Edition, (NY: McGraw Hill, 1999), Ch 4.

### Week 7 Existentialist ethics

**Simone de Beauvoir, *The Ethics of Ambiguity***, translated by Bernard Frechtman, (NY: Citadel Books, 1984), **especially section 3.2 and Conclusion.**

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, translated by H.M. Parshley, (Middlesex: Penguin, 1972), 'Introduction'. Other editions available in library.

Albert Camus, *The Myth of Sisyphus and other essays*, (NY: Vintage, 1959).

Jean-Paul Sartre, *Existentialism is a Humanism* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007).

Mary Warnock, *Existentialist Ethics* (London: Macmillan, 1967).

### Week 8 Egoism, self-interest and contract theory

**Plato, 'The Ring of Gyges'**, extract from Plato's *Republic*, Book 2

**James Rachels: 'The Social Contract Theory'**, in James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, 3rd Edition (NY: McGraw Hill, 199), Ch 11.

Kurt Baier, 'Egoism', in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, Ch 16.

Richard Kraut, 'Altruism', in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Online (2016).

Alasdair MacIntyre, 'Egoism and Altruism', in Paul Edwards (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (New York: MacMillan, 1967), vol. 2. (available online at [encyclopedia.com](http://encyclopedia.com)).

Peter Singer, 'Why Act Morally?' in Peter Singer ed, *Practical Ethics 3rd Edition* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), Ch 12. (Available in other editions)

### Week 9 Utilitarianism and animal rights

**Jeremy Bentham, 'The Principle of Utility'**, extract from Bentham, *An Introduction to The Principles of Morals and Legislation*, (1781/1823).

**Peter Singer, 'All Animals are Equal'** In Tom Regan and Peter Singer (eds.), *Animal Rights and Human Obligations* (New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1989), pp. 148-162. Available in other collections.

R. G. Frey, *Interests and Rights: The Case Against Animals* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1980).

Lori Gruen, 'Animals', in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, Ch. 30.

R. M. Hare, 'Ethical theory and utilitarianism', in Amartya Sen & Bernard Williams (eds.), Ch1, *Utilitarianism and Beyond* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1982).

Philip Pettit, 'Consequentialism' in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, Ch 19.

Tom Regan, *Defending Animal Rights* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2001).

Peter Singer, 'Equality for Animals?', in *Practical Ethics*, 3rd Edition, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), Ch. 3.

### Week 10 Kantian ethics

**Immanuel Kant, Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals**, ed Allen Wood (Yale University Press, 2002), **first section, pp. 9-21.**

**Onora O'Neill, 'Kantian Ethics'**, in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993), Ch 14.

Nancy (Ann) Davis, 'Contemporary deontology' in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993), Ch 17.

Christine Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends* (Cambridge UP, 1996), Chs. 3 & 4.

J. B. Schneewind: 'Autonomy, obligation, and virtue: An overview of Kant's moral philosophy', in Paul Guyer (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Kant* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992).

Allen Wood, *Kantian Ethics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).

### Week 11 Rawls's theory of Justice

**John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Revised Edition** (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 1999), **Chapter 1, 'Justice as Fairness'**.

Norman Daniels, (ed) *Reading Rawls: critical studies on Rawls' A Theory of Justice* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1989).

Samuel Freeman, *Rawls* (NY: Routledge, 2007).

Chandran Kukathas and Philip Pettit, *Rawls: A Theory of Justice and its Critics* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990), esp. Chs. 2, 3 & 4.

Will Kymlicka, 'The Social Contract Tradition', in Peter Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*.

### Week 12 Distributive justice and basic income

**Philippe van Parijs, 'Basic Income: a simple and powerful idea for the twenty-first century'**, *Politics & Society*, Vol. 32 No. 1, March 2004, 7-39.

Simon Birnbaum, 'Radical liberalism, Rawls and the welfare state: justifying the politics of basic income', *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 13:4, 2010, 495-516.

### Week 13 Group oppression

**Iris Marion Young, 'Five Faces of Oppression'**, in *Justice and the Politics of Difference*, 2nd edition, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2011, Ch 2, pp. 39-65.

Maeve McKeown, 'Structural injustice', *Philosophy Compass*, 16(7), 2021.

### Week 14 Climate Justice

**David Miller, 'Global Justice and Climate Change: How Should Responsibilities Be Distributed?'**, *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Tsinghua University, 2008.

Darrel Moellendorf, 'Climate Change Justice', *Philosophy Compass*, 2015: 173–186.