**PHL 211**

**Contemporary Ethics**

**Spring 2018**

**Notes 1**

**Getting started 1: course introduction**

Objectives and outcomes

Structures, methods, activities

The work

Preparation and participation

Reading

the two books

other required reading

additional reading

The dustbin

Midterm

Final examination

Assessment ground rules

Formula

Rubrics

Late submission

Plagiarism

Some useful resources

Baggini’s and Sandel’s websites

Other websites

**Getting started 1: let’s play some games**

The Hult Ethical Awareness Test [Mark 2]

What is being tested here?

Wason Cards

What is being tested here?

**Getting started 2:** **thinking philosophically**

Key values

Consistency

Precision

Rationality

The articulation of assumptions

Inductive and deductive reasoning

Caution, qualification, provisionality

Some important strategies

Argument

Intuition

The thought experiment

Values and strategies in action: the trolley car

**The immediate future**

Get into MyCourses

Learn the syllabus

Do the first reading assignment: <http://www.cep.ucsb.edu/primer.html>

Start dumping and rooting in the Dustbin

Next time: what do we know?