

PHIL 104:

An introduction to moral reasoning through the study of current ethical problems. Topics may include abortion, capital punishment, consumerism, immigration, sexual ethics, killing in war, and/or torture. AH-Philosophies and Culture World (W). Formerly PHIL 210, students may not receive credit for both. Course will be offered every year (Fall, Winter, Spring).

Learner Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Identify the philosophical questions addressed in class and describe how major positions on these questions have changed over time while paying specific attention to issues of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and class.
- Identify how a liberal political system introduces specific moral problems that confront Western-style democracies and their citizens.
- Distinguish major positions on pressing moral issues and describe arguments offered for or against these positions.
- Explain the arguments presented in course readings, compare those arguments to one's own lived experience.
- Evaluate arguments and identify the strengths and weaknesses of those arguments.
- Use philosophical ethics to interrogate, analyze, and evaluate one's own positions on major ethical issues.