Course Prefix and Number: PHI 225  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Selected Problems in Applied Ethics

Course Description: Analyzes and discusses significant contemporary ethical issues and problems existing throughout the various professions, such as business, medicine, law, education, journalism, and public affairs. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To provide a humanities elective which enhances critical reading, writing, and thinking skills.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:  
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Student Learning Outcomes:  
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Have heightened sensitivity toward everyday ethical dilemmas by having gone through a process of moral reasoning and reflection on such issues as capital punishment, euthanasia, family relief, etc.;
b. Better understand and think more clearly about principles of moral action through having studied and reflected on the various ethical positions such as moral absolutism, cultural relativism, and utilitarianism; and
c. Build a deeper sense of moral responsibility through the reading, thinking, and discussion of moral issues and ethical theories presented in class.

Major Topics to Be Included:  
a. Ethical theories on the standards of moral right and wrong:  
   1. Religious absolutism  
   2. Cultural relativism  
   3. Rational absolutism  
   4. Utilitarianism  
b. Morality of taking life:  
   1. Suicide  
   2. Euthanasia  
   3. Abortion  
   4. Capital punishment  
c. The moral society:  
   1. Famine relief  
   2. Environmental ethics
3. Affirmative action
4. Privacy and its limits
5. Animal rights

d. The moral or good life:
   1. Greek view of virtue
   2. Hedonism
   3. Spiritual enlightenment
   4. Will to power

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