

Hagerstown Community College

Official Course Syllabus Document

COURSE: PHL 103 – Ethics 3 Credits

INSTRUCTOR: Don Stevenson/Daniel Webber

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a presentation and critique of ethical theories. These theories are applied to analysis of the moral content of contemporary issues such as abortion and capital punishment. Total of 45 hours of lecture.

TEXTBOOKS:

Ethics for Life, Judith A. Boss, 6th Edition

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. This course will aid the student in understanding the history and evolution of ethical thought, critically examining the strengths and weaknesses of the major theories and through case studies apply these theories to the contemporary problems of ethical behavior.
2. Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to identify and define the basic theories of ethics.
3. Think more critically about current problems that require ethical analysis
4. Develop acumen in making credible moral decisions.

Expectation of Coursework: *To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.*

In-class instruction and discussion	37.5 hours
Assigned readings and out-of-class study	40 hours
Written assignments	15 hours for prewriting, writing, and revision
One documented paper/project /presentation	20 hours for prewriting, writing, research, documentation, and revision
TOTAL MINIMUM TIME AN AVERAGE STUDENT SHOULD EXPECT TO SPEND ON THIS CLASS	112.5 HOURS