Hagerstown Community College
Official Course Syllabus Document
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:
PHL 103 – Ethics (3 credits)
(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

INSTRUCTOR:
(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

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.

TEXTBOOK:

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
The student will:
• Discuss the history and evolvement of ethical thought, critically examining the strengths
  and weaknesses of the major theories; and
• Apply, through case studies, these theories to the contemporary problems of ethical
  behavior.
• Identify and define the basic theories of ethics.
• Employ ethical analysis to more critically about current problems.
• Practice making credible moral decisions.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE
To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of
12.5 clock hours (15 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 12.5 minimum hours of
coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.
For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for
each hour of in-class coursework.

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<td>In-class instruction, and discussion</td>
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<td>One documented paper/project</td>
<td>Included in lecture time</td>
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Total Hours
37.5 h
75 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:
(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

COURSE POLICIES:
(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one’s own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one’s own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: “I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do.”

Inclement Weather Policy:
(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

Services for Students with Disabilities:
Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.