

**Philosophy 5320: Seminar in Ethics
Spring 2018
Section 001: Tuesday 6:00-8:50pm
Eng/Phil 264**

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Course Description:

In order to get a better understanding of some of the major strands of contemporary normative ethics, we will look closely at some important works from within each of these strands. Although the works were selected as representatives of traditions that they help found, we will not read them as such. Instead, we will read them as much as possible on their own terms. The works will include: Sidgwick *The Methods of Ethics* (selections); Korsgaard, *Sources of Normativity*; MacIntyre, *After Virtue*; Scanlon, *What We Owe to Each Other*; and Broome, *Weighing Goods*.

Means of Assessment

I. Class participation (including facilitation):	20%
II. Paper I	20%
IV. Final Paper	60%

Required Texts:

- (1) Sidgwick, *The Methods of Ethics*. Hackett.
- (2) Broome, *Weighing Goods*.
- (3) Korsgaard, *Normative Requirements*
- (4) Scanlon, *What We Owe to Each Other*
- (5) MacIntyre, *After Virtue*

Requirements:

In this class, there will be two papers. A short paper (6-8 pages) and a longer seminar length paper (12-15 pages). In addition, twice per semester you will be responsible for being a “class presenter”. A presenter has two main jobs. She starts the class with a very brief introduction of the material, and she raises the first question. The question must be textual! In other words, you must find a difficulty in the text and propose a brief answer to it. An example might be: “Sidgwick dismisses ultra-intuitionism on p. 95, but he seems to revert back to it on p. 123.” Since there will be two presenters per day. You will present as a group and be graded as a group.

Disability Statement from OP 34.22:

“Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. Students should present appropriate verification from Student Disability Services during the instructor’s office hours. Please note: instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from Student Disability Services has been provided. For additional information, please contact Student Disability Services in West Hall or call 806-742-2405.”

Academic Integrity Statement:

I refer all infractions to Student Judicial Programs without exception. Please familiarize yourself with TTU’s statement on academic integrity and come speak with me if you have any questions:
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentjudicialprograms/academicinteg.php#>

Plagiarism is the most common integrity violation that I encounter, and in many of these cases, the student claims that she was unaware that what she was doing counted as plagiarism. Plagiarism occurs when a student presents someone else's work as her own, whether this work comes from a friend, a printed source, or the internet. This means that plagiarism can never occur if something is properly cited because then it is not presented as your own. Changing a few words does not preclude plagiarism. If you have any questions about plagiarism please see me.

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The university defines a religious holy day as follows: “Religious holy day’ means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Code §11.20.” According to the university policy, no student may be penalized for missing a class, assignment or exam due to the observance of such a holy day. If observing such a holy day will cause you to miss class, please let me know in advance and in writing (email will do).

Schedule of Readings

Week	Dates	Readings	Assignment
I	Jan 23rd	Sidgwick, Prefaces, Book I, chapter 1, 3, 6, 8, 9	None
II	Jan 30 th	Sidgwick Book III, chapter 1, 2, 11, 13	None
III	Feb 6 th	Sidgwick, Book IV, Chapter 1, 2, 3 (sections 1, 2, 7), Chapter 4 (section 1), Chapter 5 (section 1-3)	Presenter I: Presenter II:
IV	Feb 13 th	Broome, Weighing Goods, 1-3	Presenter III Presenter IV:
V	Feb 20 th	Away at conference	
VI	Feb 27 th	Broome, Weighing Goods 4-5	Presenter V: Presenter VI
VII	Mar 6 th	Broome, Chapter 6, 7, 8	Presenter VII: Presenter VIII
VIII	Mar 20 th	Korsgaard Lecture 1	Presenter IX: Presenter X:
IX	Mar 27 th	Korsgaard Lecture 3	Presenter XI: Presenter XII: Paper #1 due
X	April 3rd	MacIntyre, 1-6	Presenter XIII: Presenter XIV:
XI	April 10 th	MacIntyre 7-10	Presenter XV: Presenter XVI:
XII	April 17 th	MacIntyre 12, 14, 15	Presenter XVII: Presenter XVIII:
XIII	April 24 th	Scanlon, <i>What We Owe to Each Other</i> , Intro, Chapter 1	Presenter XIX: Presenter XX:
XIV	May 1st	Scanlon, Chapter 2, 4	Presenter XXI: Presenter XXII:
XV	May 8th	Scanlon Chapter 5	Presenter XXIII: Presenter XIV:
XVI	May 10th	Final Paper Due	Final Paper Due May 10th 11:59pm