The University of Texas at Tyler

UNIV 3334.001
Professional Ethics

Catalog Description
This course examines moral problems relating to professional practices and the workplace. By reading and discussing a diverse selection of ethical works, cases, and practical scenarios, students will develop skills in critical analysis and logical argumentation of professional conduct related to moral problems, such as those relating to: the employer-employee and professional-client relationship, business management, criminal justice, education, engineering, health care, and the law.

Student Learning Outcomes
Students who successfully complete this course will be able to demonstrate how underlying moral philosophies can guide the application of ethics and logic in and outside of the workplace by being able to:
1. Recognize the differences between the major ethical concepts and theories;
2. Grasp interdisciplinary connections between philosophy, industry, science, and technology;
3. Read, write and think effectively and critically about a given text, case, or scenario;
4. Identify and evaluate the strength and validity of arguments, conclusions, and premises;
5. Apply ethical theories to solve complex moral problems that relate to professional practices;
6. Research and present a particular case study or moral problem, a proposed solution, and a logical argument in support of the proposed solution; and
7. Identify the potential consequences of their decisions regarding a given case or scenario.

Course Requirements
This course has three major assessment of learning requirements:

1. Content Engagement – 40%
2. Case Study Project – 20%
3. Midterm and Final Examinations – 40%

Students will be evaluated on the basis of performance on two exams, completion of online content engagement activities, and the completion of a case study project. A percentage of total points possible determines the course grade. A straight grading scale will be used for all grades.

Required Materials
TED Talks ~ Professional Ethics (http://www.ted.com/talks)

Important Dates
TBA
Grading Scale

A = 100-90%  
B = 89-80%  
C = 79-70%  
D = 69-60%  
F = 59% and below

Student Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:
http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.
Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

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