

COURSE DETAIL

NORMATIVE THEORY

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

NORMATIVE THEORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

NORMATIVE THEORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Normative Theories are theories about how we ought to act, or how we ought to live. This course examines different traditions in, and approaches to, normative theorizing. These may include some or all of Consequentialism, Deontological Pluralism, Kantianism, Contractualism, and Virtue Ethics, as well as Particularism and other anti-theoretical approaches. The course takes some approaches to normative ethics and examines them in detail, assessing how well they do at explaining and justifying moral beliefs (and questioning the extent to which this is a legitimate constraint upon them). It also examines how these theories apply to particular moral questions such as those connected to procreation, duties to future people, aggregating harms and benefits to different people, and imposing risks of harm.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL10078

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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