

COURSE DETAIL

NORMATIVE ETHICS AND METAETHICS

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

NORMATIVE ETHICS AND METAETHICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

NORMATIVE ETHICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Moral philosophy, or ethics, can be divided from the more theoretical to the more practical, into metaethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics. This course explores central themes in metaethics and normative ethics. Depending on the semester the course is offered, it will either have a special focus on metaethics or normative ethics. Metaethics describes morality from different philosophical perspectives, such as semantics, ontology, and epistemology. Topics in metaethics include: the meaning of moral terms such as right and wrong; moral sentences; whether moral sentences are true or false; if there are any moral properties or facts in the world that can make moral sentences true; what would these properties or facts be like; is it possible to know what objects have these properties; and how do individuals reach such knowledge. Normative ethics concerns what ultimately explains the moral status of actions. Topics in normative ethics include: are only consequences of actions relevant to determining their moral status; what other aspects are morally significant; what is it that makes a person's life good or bad; and what is it that makes a state of affair good or bad.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

FIL2310

Host Institution Course Title

NORMATIVE ETHICS AND METAETHICS

Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas

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