

# COURSE DETAIL

## WHY BE GOOD? AN INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

Exeter College, University of Oxford

**Program(s)**

Summer in Oxford, Exeter College

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

83

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTRO TO ETHICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to ethics. It is structured around twelve topics, such as: Do you have a moral duty to donate most of your money to charity? Are we unfree and thus not responsible for anything? Is moral virtue a matter of luck? If someone you love dies and you're not upset, does that mean you never really cared about them? In addition to thinking about particular ethical issues, the course discusses some of the most powerful and persuasive theories in moral philosophy, including utilitarianism (the view that an action is right if it promotes happiness), deontology (the view that an action is right if it is done from duty), and virtue ethics (the view that an action is right if one has the right moral character or virtues).

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

### **Course Last Reviewed**

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