COURSE DETAIL

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND TODAY'S PROBLEMS

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

Program(s)
Summer in Cambridge

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
105

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND TODAY'S PROBLEMS

UCEAP Transcript Title
MORAL PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

This course explores the application of ethical theories to perennially contentious and troubling real-world questions that everyone faces. By introducing students to the theories and concepts of moral analysis, in an approachable way, they better understand the dilemmas that confront them. Students examine what Thomas Aquinas and David Hume wrote about life and death, framing our modern understanding of subjects such as just war and suicide, and how that influenced 20th century thinkers like Judith Jarvis Thomson on abortion and James Rachels on euthanasia. Many moral philosophers today consider population ethics to be the world's most pressing set of problems, asking, what obligations do I have now towards future generations? Students explore how philosophers such as Derek Parfit and William MacAskill have some surprising answers, which may transform your thinking about issues such as environmental conservation, artificial intelligence, biosecurity, and existential risk.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Arts and Humanities

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2022-2023

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