

COURSE DETAIL

RESPONSIBILITY, PRAISE, AND BLAME

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of St Andrews

Program(s)

University of St Andrews

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

158

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RESPONSIBILITY, PRAISE, AND BLAME

UCEAP Transcript Title

PRAISE & BLAME

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

Ordinarily, we blame people for doing wrong and praise them for doing the right thing. But what is it to blame someone or praise them? And under what conditions is someone worthy of blame or praise for their actions or attitudes? This course looks at the nature of blame and what it is to be blameworthy, as well as how one ought to act under conditions of ignorance or uncertainty. It seems that ignorance sometimes excuses wrong-doing. For instance, one might break a promise to pick up a friend from the airport and yet be blameless, due to ignorance (say because one's friend misinformed one which airport she's arriving at). Under what conditions does ignorance excuse and what type of ignorance excuses (factual vs. formative)? Further, how should one act when one is not sure what is the correct morality?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PY4654

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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