

PHIL 360

Topics in Moral Philosophy:
"Contemporary Moral
theory"

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2:00–3:20pm



Course Description:

At least since Plato, moral philosophers have attempted to address the question "Why should I act morally?" In this class we will study some of the best contemporary philosophers' treatments of this issue. As with any good philosophical question, this one brings many others in its wake. We will take a special interest in the relationships among what we have reason or obligation to do, what we want, and what would be good for us. Do you have to want to do something in order to have a reason to do it? And do you have to have a reason to do something to have a moral obligation to do so? Or would it, rather, be good to act in some way only if you have good reason to want to do so? Good morally, or good for you, or both? The course will consist partly in lectures, but will allow plenty of time for discussion.