

## **Philosophy 120**

### ***Ethics, Law and Society***

*3 unit; 3 hours lecture*

*Recommended Preparation: English 1A with a minimum grade of C*

*Degree applicable Transfer CSU and UC*

In this course, the relationship between the various facets of moral and legal thinking is analyzed. Philosophical issues such as, justification for the legal enforcement of morality, the legitimacy of an international system of law, the relationship between new technologies, and the role of law are examined. The concepts of individual and international rights and obligations will be discussed.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Compare and contrast different theories of law utilizing philosophers from the Greeks to modern time.
2. Examine and explain the relationship of jurisprudence to the four major areas of philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Axiology, and Logic.
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4. Describe the distinction between censorship and regulation of speech and conduct.
5. Identify and analyze theories of law referenced in Supreme Court cases, such as legal positivism and normative jurisprudence.
6. Analyze and critically evaluate the philosophical perspectives on biomedical issues and their impact on law.
7. Compare and contrast various concepts in the legal enforcement of morality.
8. Identify and discuss permissive theories of law with those that are more restrictive over the social life of the individual.
9. Assess international law documents and their relationship to the laws of sovereign states, morality and individual responsibility.
10. Identify and analyze contemporary approaches to law such as feminism and law, critical race theory and economics and law.
11. Explain and identify the major schools of jurisprudence as they are utilized in legal opinions and essays.
12. Critically evaluate issues such as the sale of body parts, physician-assisted suicide and same-sex marriage, and analyze what man-made law's response to them ought to be.

### **Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

1. Primary Moral Theories  
Students will be able to identify the primary moral theories, be able to distinguish the major differences between the theories, and be able to evaluate the general strengths and weaknesses of each theory.
2. Major Legal Issues  
Students will be able to identify some of the major legal issues that have confronted our society, with particular attention to contemporary issues, and they will be able to explain the various competing legal theories that have been used to resolve those issues.
3. Analyzing Contemporary Issues  
Students will be able to critically analyze contemporary moral and legal issues by applying both moral and legal theories, and they will be able to recognize and critically evaluate the major arguments of each side, demonstrating proficiency in the construction of their own arguments for a position.

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