

Course Description: Contemporary Moral Problems (Phil V2702)

In this introductory course, we will discuss the philosophical dimensions of several contemporary moral issues including affirmative action, our obligations to the world's poor, abortion, our treatment of non-human animals, punishment, reparations, and pornography. As we delve into these specific issues, we will also explore different conceptions of morality and justice that may underlie our responses to these problems.

Our class time will be used for lecture and discussion. Our text is *Ethics in Practice* edited by Hugh LaFollette. This textbook will be supplemented by several articles that will be put on reserve.

No previous coursework in philosophy is expected. Course requirements will likely include two papers, a midterm, and a final exam. A complete syllabus will be uploaded to CourseWorks in the fall.