

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Evangel University

**PHIL 633 Ethical Issues in
Contemporary Society: Bioethics**
CREDIT HOURS: 3
SEMESTER: Spring 2018
COURSE DAY/TIME: T/TH 12:30-1:45

INSTRUCTOR:
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Appointment



REQUIRED TEXT:

1. Munson, Ronald, and Ian Lague. *Intervention and Reflection: Basic Issues in Bioethics*. 10th ed. Independence, KY: Wadsworth Publishing, 2016. ISBN 9781285071381.
2. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP): <http://plato.stanford.edu/>
3. Additional Articles may be assigned

EVANGEL UNIVERSITY MISSION: Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in educating and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the Church and society globally.

DEPARTMENT MISSION: The Mission of AGTS is to shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill, and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Examine and explore the basic ethical principles and applications as they pertain to healthcare environments. This 3-credit course provides the opportunity for in-depth discussion of ethical principles and case analysis.

Course Purpose:

The natural and applied sciences continue to open up worlds of possibilities of what the human race can do. However, with every new thing that we *can* do, we should consider what we *should* do. For most people, the latter concern is more central to their Christian walk and their humanity. This course aims to help the students, and future professionals, develop an understanding and an ability that is necessary to answer these normative moral questions.

Course Requirements:

BASIC TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION, READING, AND ATTENDANCE

This course is conducted as a blended seated/online course, COURSE COMMONS will be utilized for submitting assignments. Weekly modules found in COURSE COMMONS also include quizzes, exams, and course resources.

- All assignments are due on the date and time specified on the Course Outline and the assignment drop boxes in COURSE COMMONS.
- All students are expected to communicate with the instructor any concerns, technical difficulties, and/or questions they may have via email, phone call, or face-to-face appointment.
- Students are expected to have daily access to:

- A computer
- The Internet
- Evangel Email
- All assignments need to be submitted Microsoft Word format.
 - File extension: .docx or .doc format
 - Campus computer labs have Microsoft Office 2013 or Office 2016 installed.
 - The latest version of Office is available for your personal machine. It can be downloaded by following the instructions at: <https://help.evangel.edu/hc/en-us/articles/201759875-How-Do-I-Get-Microsoft-Office-for-free->
- Unless otherwise directed by your instructor, all assignments should be submitted to drop boxes on COURSE COMMONS, if possible.

Attendance: In this course, you will be engaging some premier philosophical texts. The text is difficult to comprehend unaided so class attendance and participation are mandatory. When a student has missed more than 25% of the scheduled sessions (i.e. a student who misses 8 classes), he or she will be dropped from the course. It should be noted that all absences count as a part of the 25% maximum (there is no excused/unexcused distinction). Students who miss class because of illness, participation in authorized co-curricular activities, or for other unavoidable reasons will be given the opportunity to complete missed assignments or the equivalent.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom: It is expected that electronic devices will be used during class to support the students' learning. Any use of technology that substantially degrades the learning environment, promotes dishonesty or illegal activities is prohibited. Cell phones should only be used for academic purposes during class. It is not permissible to answer cell phones or engage in text messaging while class is in session. Should an emergency situation arise that requires you to use your cell phone, please make the professor aware of the circumstances.

Course Outcomes

The outcomes for this course have been aligned to the Theology & Global Church Ministries Department, and the FEW outcomes for the Oikonomia Network –

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES				
<i>Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to</i>	<i>CLO</i>	<i>PLO</i>	<i>EU20</i>	<i>FWE</i>
<i>1. Argue for a thesis on a topic in Bioethics</i>	x			
<i>2. Articulate, in your own words, influential thought systems in Ethics</i>	x			
<i>3. Explain concepts relevant Ethics, generally, and Bioethics, specifically.</i>	x			
Graduates have an understanding in the history and basic problems of philosophy.		x		
Graduates have an understanding of basic arguments regarding interpersonal philosophy.		x		

Assignments:

1. Quizzes 10%
2. Reconstructions 10 %
3. Papers 25%
4. Mid-Term 20%

5. Final 20%
6. Class Participation 5%
7. Presentations 10%

Assessment Grading Scale:

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Grade</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Grade</i>
100-93%	A		<77-73%	C
<93-90%	A-		<73-70%	C-
<90-87%	B+		<70-67%	D+
<87-83%	B		<67-63%	D
<83-80%	B-		<63-60%	D-
<80-77%	C+		<60%	F

Late Assignment/Missed Quiz Policy:

All assignments are due at the dates and times specified. Late submissions are not only a disruption to your ability to succeed in the course, they are a significant disruption to a professors ability to manage the course. As such, Late assignments will NOT be accepted unless it was impossible to get it in on time. Even in such cases, if at all possible, you should let me know those reasons prior to the due date.

- Please be proactive in your assignment preparation and submission. Feel free to work ahead! And, don't wait until the last minute to submit assignments. Tech issues will happen, and they are a lame excuse for not getting things done.
- If there are any difficulties in submitting an assignment, please email the professor immediately. I greatly appreciate your efforts to figure things out, and I am happy to do all that I can to help.
- Difficulties with an assignment? Of course, contact the professor before the time it's due.
- Technical difficulties? Please contact the professor via email immediately. This course depends on online content, so technical difficulties are always a possibility. Again, I strongly discourage waiting until the last minute to submit an assignment.

***Note:** sometimes when you read a syllabus, it sounds cold and harsh. Be assured, I want you to succeed. It makes me sad when a student fails my course. At the same time, I realize that I don't do anyone any favors by accommodating an unprofessional work ethic. So, take responsibility for your education, and let's work together toward your success!*

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: See Evangel website at www.evangel.edu for policy

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION:

Evangel University is committed to the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities, as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you think you may qualify for accommodations, notify me as soon as possible. You will be required to have appropriate documentation on file with Academic Support in the Center for Student Success (Zimmerman Hall 208).

Note: If you are disabled or are attending college under extenuating circumstances and require special consideration, **it is your obligation to notify the instructor** before the end of the first week of classes. If I do not hear from you, I assume you do not need any special consideration.

See the following for more information: <http://web.evangel.edu/community/?p=ASC&i=1437&t=>

COURSE OUTLINE:

EXAMPLE: This is a tentative course outline. Course outline may be changed at the discretion of the course instructor. Notice of changes will be made in class and/or through COURSE COMMONS announcements.

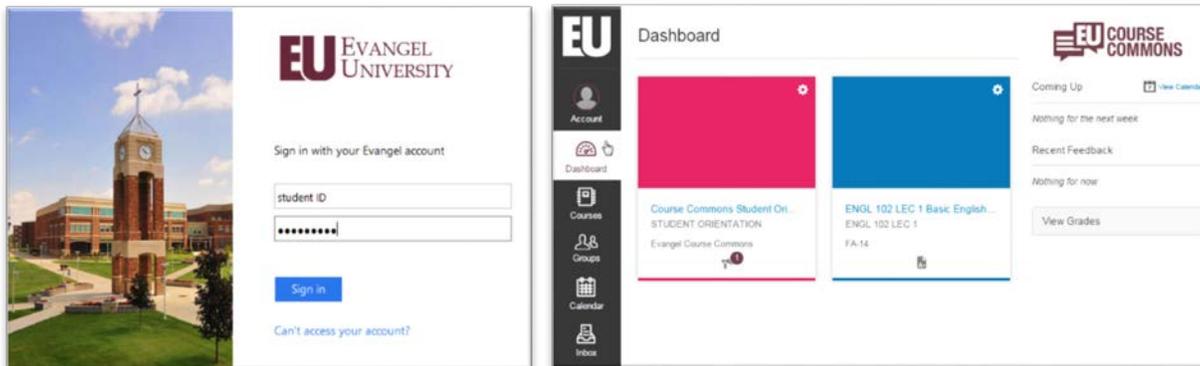
Date	Assignments	Notes
	Introduction & Logic Primer	
	Part IV: 470-478: Utilitarianism, SEP Consequentialism 1-3	
	478-488: Kant and Ross	
	Online Discussion: 489-493: Rawls	
	493-499: Natural Law, SEP The Natural Law Tradition in Ethics. SEP 1-2.1	
	499-510: Principles for Bioethics	
	513-522: Virtue, Care, & Feminist Ethics	
	3-17: Rights in Healthcare, SEP Rights 2.2-5	
	17-36: Social Context & Cases	
	38-50: Briefing & Decisions	
	50-53: Presentations	
	59-73: Medical Research & Informed Consent, SEP Informed Consent	
	73-87: Context & Cases	
	87-109: Briefing	
	120-144: Genetic Control	
	144-163: Context & Cases	
	163-185: Briefing	
	185-189: Presentations	
	238-260: Abortion	
	260-267: Briefing	
	267-275: Presentations	
	300-324: Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide	
	324-331: Briefing	
	331-335: Presentations	
	366-381: Distributing Health Care	
	381-386: Briefing	
	386-389: Presentations	
	Final Exam	

Final Course Grade and Incompletes:

At the end of the course, students will receive the final grade recorded in the gradebook. No incomplete grades will be granted. However, the final grade in may be changed at a later time, at the discretion of the instructor, if the student meets the specific guidelines below. All other grade eventualities not listed under the change of grade provisions will be considered at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Commons

This course will use Course Commons, Evangel's learning management system. There are links to Course Commons in the Student Portal and the Evangel website. The login page for Course Commons is <https://courses.evangel.com/>.



Use your Evangel username and password to login.

Course Commons Student

Orientation

All Evangel students have access to the [Course Commons Student Orientation](#). If you are new to Course Commons, you are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent resource. As part of your course preparation, this will help you make the most of the features that are available to you as a student.

EU EVANGEL UNIVERSITY **Course Commons Student Orientation**

This self-paced orientation contains video tutorials, how-to's, step-by-step instructions, and frequently asked questions for using Course Commons.

Click on any of the links below to get started.

- Getting Started
- During Your Course
- Help and FAQ
- Student Quickstart Guide

Accessing the Course in Course Commons

Access your courses list by clicking on the Courses icon on the Global Navigation menu on the left of the screen. You can also click on the course card on the Dashboard.

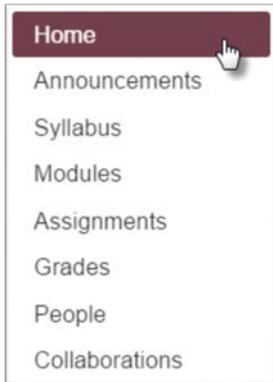
To customize your Courses list, see the following Help Guide: [How do I customize my Courses list?](#)

Students will have access to this course in Course Commons seven (7) days before the official beginning of the semester. Students have until seven (7) days after the semester begins to complete financial registration. If financial registration is not completed by the seventh day, course access will be revoked.

After the end of the semester, students will have read-only access to the course through Course Commons. Only access to already submitted work, course resources and grades will be available.

Accessing Course Content in Course Commons

The professor controls the availability of course content and features. Some items may be unavailable until a date set by the professor.

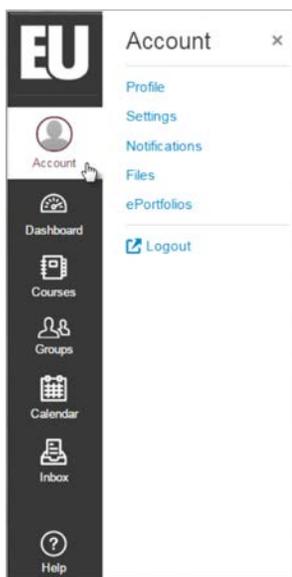


You can navigate the course content and features using the Course Navigation menu on the left. This menu can be customized by the professor, so it may differ from course to course, depending on what features the professor has chosen to make available.

You can collapse the Course Navigation menu to focus on the page content. Click on the menu icon in the upper left (which looks like 3 lines). You can expand the menu by clicking on the menu icon again.

All course content (syllabus, modules, course materials, assignments, online quizzes, online discussions, grades, etc.) can be accessed using the links in the Course Navigation menu.

Personal Settings in Course Commons



Students can adjust their personal settings in Course Commons. Click on the Account icon to access the Account menu.

On the **Profile** page, you can add a profile picture to your account. You can also edit your display name, which will show to your instructor and peers throughout Course Commons.

The **Settings** link allows you to add additional contact methods (personal email or cell phone number for text message alerts) to your account. You can also add external services, like Twitter, Skype or Google Drive.

The **Notifications** link allows you to customize *what* notifications you receive from Course Commons and *how* and *when* you receive them. This is a student-centered feature that allows you to optimize your notifications to help you stay connected to what is happening in all your courses.

For more information, see the following pages in the Course Commons Student Orientation: [How to Update your Profile and Settings](#) and [How to Update Your Notifications Preferences](#).

Accessing Grades in Course Commons

All course grades will be recorded and shown through Course Commons. Simply click the “Grades” button on the lower right of the Dashboard to access your grades for all courses. You can also use the Grades link in the Course Navigation to access your grades for this course.

For more information on how to check your grades and what you can do from the Grades page, see the following page from the Course Commons Student Orientation: [How to Check My Grades](#).

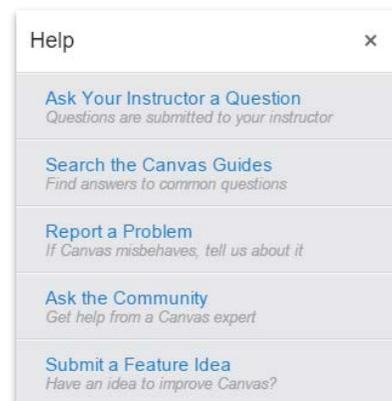
How to Get Help with Course Commons

Help is never more than a few clicks away! You can access the Help menu from any page in Course Commons.

Click on the Help icon in the lower left corner of the screen. Because the Course Commons is powered by the Canvas Learning Management System, all help guides and helpdesk tickets will reference Canvas.

From the Help menu, you can send a message to your instructor, search the Canvas Help Guides, or report a problem.

You can browse and search the Help Guides using the following link: <https://community.canvaslms.com/community/answers/guides/>.



Course Commons Troubleshooting

Do you have a question about a quiz, an assignment, or another item in the course? Contact your professor.

Are you having technical problems with Course Commons? Click the Help icon, click “Report a Problem” and complete the form to file a ticket for a personal response from the support team. Please be sure to include a thorough description of the problem.

Are you having trouble with your Evangel account (username and password)? Contact the IT Helpdesk at 417-865-2815 ext. 8368 (phone), helpdesk@evangel.edu (email), or help.evangel.edu.