

**Philosophy 272-L41
Spring 2017
Proposed Course Outline/Prospectus**

Week One:

Topic I: *Introduction to the course, Ethical Theories.*

Please be mindful that this is a suggested course outline at this stage. We might add, adjust, etc. when we have more student input on what to cover.

Readings: Introduction in textbook

Topic II: Legislation and its limits. Brainstorming what good there is in prohibition, whether banning Performance enhancing substances in sport, or prohibiting the recreational use of mind altering substances.

Readings: Animal Cruelty Legislation and Bill S-203

Week Two

Abortion

Readings: (Please read introduction to text-sections)

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1. *Abortion, the Criminal Code and the Morgentaler Decision, pp. 196-203.*
2. *Mary Anne Warren, "On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion."*
3. *Don Marquis, "Why Abortion is Immoral."*
4. *Susan Sherwin, "Abortion Through a Feminist Ethics Lens."*
5. *Rosalind Hursthouse, "Virtue Ethics and Abortion."*

Weeks Three and Four:

Topic I: Free Expression

Readings:

1. *R. v. Keegstra (excerpts)*

2. *The Tobacco Control Act (province of SK)*

Topic II: Euthanasia (Note: we will likely go into week 5 with this topic)

Readings: All Entries in the Textbook. Less emphasis on “Rodriguez v. Canada” and the Keyserlingk article.

Weeks Five and Part of Six:

Topic: Aboriginal Rights

Readings:

1. *Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, pp. 559-574*
2. *Susan Hack, Multiculturalism and Objectivity.*
3. *Trudeau, “Justice in Our Time.”*
4. *Jamieson, Indian Women and the Law in Canada: Citizens Minus.”*
5. *McDonald, “Aboriginal Rights.”*
6. *Turpel, “Aboriginal Rights and the Canadian Charter.”*

Six to End: Violence

Topic I: We come full circle

Reading: Law Reform Commission of Canada, “Limits of the Criminal Law: Obscenity: a Test Case.”

Topic II choices: either Just War or Terrorism

Readings: TBA