

**Phil. 310: LEC12323: D115 Ethics** (21 August – 18 December) Robert Buckenmeyer  
 Day-To-Day syllabus; Fall '06\* (30 classes) **MW 5:30PM-6:45PM PM**  
**Office hours: 4:45.M – 5:25PM. MW, Room 335 Davies' Hall or Humanities' Off**

| TOPICS | No.CLASSES | DATES    | READINGS:BKST/NOTES                                        |
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| Ethics | 2          | 08\21,23 | <b>To be or not to be?</b><br>Class notes:prol;Pref;Intro. |

**Slavic/Indo Europeans:**

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| <b><u>Tolstoy</u></b> | 3 | 08/28,30; 09\6 | <i>The Death of Ivan Ilych</i> Chap. One |
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**Occidental humans:**

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| <b><u>Socrates:</u></b> Ethics, | 3 | 09/11,13,18 | <i>Apology</i> (notes.) Chapter Two |
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Morals,religion

SELF-KNOWLEDGE,-IMAGE,-CONCEPT: ETHICS AND MORALS Chapter Three

**Chinese humans:**

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| <b><u>Confucius</u></b> | 3 | 09/20,25,27 | <i>Analects;</i> notes Chapter Four |
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| <b><u>Lao Tzu</u></b> | 3 | 10/4,11,16 | <i>Tao (notes)</i> Chapter Four |
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**Discussion Paper #1: What relevance, if any does morals have to do with ethics? 2**  
**10\18 & 23**

**Occidental humans:**

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| <b><u>Heraclitus</u></b> | 2 | 10\25,30 | <i>Fragments</i> Chapter Five; notes |
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Roman

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| <b><u>Seneca</u></b> | 2 | 11\1,6 | <i>Letters on Suicide</i> Chapter Six;<br>notes |
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**Occidental/Europeans**

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| <b><u>David Hume</u></b> | 2 | 11\8,13 | <i>Essay on Suicide</i> Chap. Seven; notes |
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| <b><u>Albert Camus</u></b> | 3 | 11\24,25,26 | <i>th of Sisyphus</i> Chapter Eight; notes |
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| <b><u>Jean P. Sartre</u></b> | 3 | 29\12\4,6 | <i>Essay on the Hole &amp; No Exit</i> ;notes Chapter Nine |
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**Discussion paper # 2: What change, if any, has occurred in your view of ethics in relation to morals and/or of the standards of human conduct between B.C. and A.D.?** **2 12/11 & Final exam day: date to be determined.**

A mid-term will be a “take-home,” to be given 10\16, due back in class on 10\23; so that the final day on which the **second discussion paper is read will occur on the date of the final exam, which is a day whose date is to be determined.**

READ THE DIRECTIONS FOR WRITING AND GRADING. THE texts WILL BE discussed in the class sessions on the dates indicated, so a student may prepare for the class sessions and/or read the materials in lieu of class, except in the case of the classes scheduled for discussion paper readings as specified. **THE FOUR SCHEDULED CLASS**

**DISCUSSION DAYS- 10\18, 23;12\11, 13 are REQUIRED ATTENDANCE;**

**Failure to attend THESE DISCUSSION DAYS without prior notice means an “F” for the course, UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS GIVEN BY THE INSTRUCTOR; THIS IS the NON NEGOTIABLE ELEMENT WHICH STANDS AS PART OF THIS SYLLABUS CONTRACT BETWEEN STUDENT AND INSTRUCTOR.**