Course Description: Ethics is a branch of philosophy that asks what it means to live a good life. This introductory course assumes no prior knowledge of philosophy or ethics. Students will read ethical theories from different historical and cultural contexts and use these theories to think through contemporary moral issues and existential problems. This will prepare students to reason ethically, exercise good moral judgment, and demonstrate personal integrity.

Course objectives: Students will learn to read and appreciate works of philosophy, to take seriously perspectives other than their own, and to feel confident expressing philosophical positions and their own positions well both in speech and in writing. It aims to provide students with a basic understanding of philosophy and of the philosophical positions of some the most important thinkers in the history of philosophy.

Learning Outcomes: This course will teach students to navigate moral diversity and disagreements, to confidently and rigorously engage in moral arguments, to think deeply and critically about their own beliefs and values, and to reflect on their personal moral growth.

Course Texts:
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*
+ Additional readings available through Blackboard