Ethics is a branch of philosophy that asks what it means to live a good life. This introductory course assumes no prior knowledge of philosophical ethics. In this course, we will read important and canonical ethical theories and use these theories to think through contemporary moral issues. We will survey virtue ethics as presented by Aristotle in his *Nicomachean Ethics*, Immanuel Kant’s deontological ethics in *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, John Stuart Mill’s *Utilitarianism*, and the feminist care ethics Carol Gilligan describes in *In A Different Voice*. As we learn these ethical theories, we will think about how these theories either support or challenge the contemporary issue of animal rights. We will end the course by considering some philosophical accounts of environmental ethics.