

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

**Discipline Code**

PHIL

**Course Number**

2103

**Course Title**

Introduction to Ethics

**Catalog Description**

An examination of the basic concepts of ethics including moral relativism vs. objectives, moral realism, Kantian ethics, virtue ethics, individual liberty vs. paternalism, and the application of theory to issues such as abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, etc.

**Prerequisites**

N/A

**Credit Hours**

3 credit hours

**Contact hours**

45 contact hours

**Load hours**

3 load hours

**Semesters Offered**

On Demand

**ACTS Equivalent**

N/A

**Grade Mode**

A-F

**Learning Outcomes**

Students completing this course will:

- Name some of the most influential ethical philosophers in the West, including Plato, Aristotle, Immanuel Kant, John Stuart Mill, W.D. Ross, and John Rawls.
- Define, categorize, and describe the ethical theories of these influential philosophers.
- Discuss the nature of ethical reasoning and relate how philosophers have argued for their respective ethical theories.

- Identify the methods by which philosophers examine and critically assess ethical theories and judgments.
- Employ these methods of ethical assessment in sample cases of ethical dilemmas.

### **General Education Outcomes Supported**

- N/A

### **Standard Practices**

#### **Topics list**

- N/A

#### **Learning activities**

- N/A

#### **Assessments**

- N/A

### **Grading guidelines**

- N/A