

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
Education and Wellness, Legal and
Protective Services**

PHIL 2103 (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:

None.

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load

hours: 3/3/3

Learning Outcomes:

1. 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.
2. Define, categorize, and describe the ethical theories of these influential philosophers.
3. Discuss the nature of ethical reasoning and relate how philosophers have argued for their respective ethical theories.
4. Identify the methods by which philosophers examine and critically assess ethical theories and judgments.
5. Employ these methods of ethical assessment in sample cases of ethical dilemmas.