

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PHIL-330: Ethics in Business

CLASS SECTION: 330-002

TERM: Winter 2022

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face-to-Face

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Lansdowne: T 4:00 – 5:00; Interurban: Th 11:00 – 12:00

*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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Examining ethical issues arising in business settings, the course focuses on understanding ethical systems and concepts and the social/political context in which contemporary business operates. Topics include corporate responsibility, employee rights, discrimination and affirmative action, conflicts of interest, whistle-blowing, and general issues of honesty in business practice.

### PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C in ENGL 151
- C in ENGL 161
- C in ENGL 163
- C in ENGL 164

### CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

### EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Summarize and evaluate central problems in business ethics.
2. Critically examine classical and contemporary solutions to these problems.
3. Make comparisons between various philosophical/ethical positions and have an overall sense of the history of ethics in general.
4. Take a philosophical/ethical position and support that position with good reasons (evidence).
5. Explain the relevance of ethics to everyday problems in business concerning beliefs and values, knowledge and justification.
6. Describe and critically assess specific cases and alternative solutions to contemporary ethical problems in business.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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*With a Clear Conscience*, Gregory G. Andres, editor; Oxford, 2021, ISBN: 9780199038398

Additional readings or items to watch online will be provided as the course progresses. None will be overly long; all will be announced in class and/or by email.

## COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

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The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1 – Jan. 11th (13 <sup>th</sup> )	Introduction to our Course and to Philosophy	Introduction
2 – Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> (20 <sup>th</sup> )	Relativism and Objectivism; Visions of Self and other things <b>Case Study 1 Assigned – due next week, start of Seminar</b>	Chapter 1
3 – Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> (27 <sup>th</sup> )	Kant & Deontology; Rights & Duties <b>Case Study 2 Assigned – due next week, start of Seminar</b>	Chapter 2
4 – Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Utilitarianisms; Virtue Theory <b>Case Study 3 Assigned – due next week, start of Seminar</b>	Chapter 2
5 – Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Ethical Decision-Making; Theories, in review	Chapter 3
6 – Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b> during Lecture; no Seminar	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
7 – Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> (24 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>READING BREAK</b>	
8 – March 1 <sup>st</sup> (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Corporate Social Responsibility <b>Case Study A Assigned – due next week, start of seminar</b>	Chapter 4
9 – March 8 <sup>th</sup> (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Fairness and Non-Discrimination	Chapter 5
10 – March 15 <sup>th</sup> (17 <sup>th</sup> )	Social Action Problems <b>Case Study B Assigned – due next week, start of seminar</b>	Chapter 6
11 – March 22 <sup>nd</sup> (24 <sup>th</sup> )	Whistleblowing <i>and</i> The Power of Advertising	Chapters 11 & 8
12 – March 29 <sup>th</sup> (31 <sup>st</sup> )	The Environment – Beyond our Book? <b>Case Study C Assigned – due next week, start of seminar</b>	Chapter 7
13 – April 5 <sup>th</sup> (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Review toward Final Exam: Lecture – my lead Seminar – student lead	
Exam Period	<b>FINAL EXAM – date to be determined by the College</b>	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
<b>Case Studies 1 – 3:</b> 10% each Best 2 count; you may do just 2, or all 3. Each study: 1 full page, about 250 words in length.	20%
<b>Case Studies A – C:</b> 15% each Best 2 count; you may do just 2, or all 3. Each study: 2 full pages, about 500 words in length.	30%
<b>Midterm</b>	20%
<b>Final Exam</b>	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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There will be no rewrites of Case Studies, nor will late work be accepted without satisfactory excuse. Case Studies are due at the beginning of the Seminar indicated (neither during nor at its conclusion).

The Midterm will be cumulative over the first half of the course.

The Final Exam will be cumulative over the second half of the course.

Both Midterm and Final Exam are closed book, no notes. Exam papers will be provided. Students must write these exams in the class/course for which they are officially enrolled. Midterms are held in the regular Seminar room. The location (and date) of the Final Exam will be announced when it has been determined.

## SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

### SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>

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International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

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If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

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## COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

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### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

### Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/sexual-violence](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

**Changes to this syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that

course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.