



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: SSC411NT Ethics in Social Sciences

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This course introduces the student to the legal, ethical and professional concerns in the social science fields, such as values and moral reasoning. Students will explore concepts in ethics and then apply the concepts to scenarios specific to psychology and social sciences. This course is designed to teach secular knowledge of this material along with how a biblical worldview impacts these topics.

Psychology Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs*):

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Apply basic research methods, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation. |
| 2 | Demonstrate critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and a scientific approach to applying psychological principles to personal, social, ethical, religious, and organizational issues informed by a biblical worldview. |
| 3 | Develop insight into their own and others' behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management, self-improvement, and self-care, as well as apply psychological principles to individual, interpersonal, group, and societal issues. |
| 4 | Identify and apply basic knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology and to evaluate them from a Christian worldview. |
| 5 | Analyze empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and recognize their role and responsibility as a member of society. |
| 6 | Communicate effectively in a professional and diverse global environment. |
| 7 | Demonstrate digital literacy throughout their program. |

***Every psychology course must include assessments of some, but not all of the PLOs. The highlighted ones are assessed in this course.**

SSC411NT – Ethics in Social Sciences – Course Syllabus

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

| # | CLOs | Bloom's* | PLO(s)~ |
|----------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Recite the different theories of morality and retain pertinent stages in each theory. | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | Demonstrate critical and creative thinking in applying ethical and moral reasoning to personal, organizational, and religious issues informed by a biblical worldview. | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | Apply ethical principles to societal issues. | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | Analyze theories of ethics, the major concepts at each stage and external factors that can affect it. | 4 | 4 |

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

~Indicates which PLO(s) are aligned with the CLO.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

Biblical worldview integration will be evident throughout the course. While learning basic principles of morality, ethics in professional circumstances and issues in societal situations, students will question social norms and morality issues when presented with common past and present worldviews alongside what is biblically written. This will be evident in discussion boards, papers and weekly assignments.

Required Media:

n/a

Grading Grid:

| Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1 | Total Points |
|---|---------------------|
| Weekly Discussions (8) – 25 pts. each | 200 |
| Weekly Assignments (6) – 35 pts. each | 210 |
| Weekly Papers (6) – 40 pts. each | 240 |
| Midterm | 180 |
| Final Project | 150 |
| Quizzes (2) – 10 pts. each | 20 |
| Total Points: | 1,000 |

SSC411NT – Ethics in Social Sciences – Course Syllabus

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. “On the Origins of Morality: Rethinking Freud’s vision of good and evil” full article
2. Sigmund Freud: Id, Ego & Superego (Examples) Video
3. What is Ethics? Video
4. 1 Corinthians 13-16

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Weekly Assignment/Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Paper Topic - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Piaget’s Theory of Cognitive Development Video
2. Children’s early helping in action: Piagetian developmental theory and early prosocial behavior full article
3. Moral Development Video
4. Genesis 3

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Weekly Assignment - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

SSC411NT – Ethics in Social Sciences – Course Syllabus

Week 3

Media:

1. Cheating, Moral Development and Self-Actualization full article
2. 1 Corinthians 3
3. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Weekly Assignment/Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 3-2 Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Ethical Principles Video
2. Any previous weeks' material you would like to review again before the midterm
3. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Midterm
2. Assignment 4-2 Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Culture and Moral Distress: What's the Connection and Why Does It Matter? full article
2. Culture, Morality and Connecting Across Moral Differences Video
3. Leviticus 19:18

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Weekly Assignment/Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 5-2 Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

SSC411NT – Ethics in Social Sciences – Course Syllabus

Week 6

Media:

1. GABOR MATE: THE 7 IMPACTS OF TRAUMA Video
2. 7 Ways Trauma Shapes Morality full article
3. Psalm 38

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Assignment Quiz
2. Assignment 6-2 Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Ethics vs. Morals vs. Laws Video
2. Romans 13:1-7 and Acts 5:27-34

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Weekly Assignment/Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 7-2 Quiz
3. Wk7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. You can only save one-who do you choose? Video
2. I am Mother, Best scene Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Final Paper- See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 8-2 Weekly Assignment/Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course