

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
2014 SUMMER SESSION II  
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

<b>PHIL 2310-001</b>	<b>Logic</b>	<b>10:00-11:50 MTWRF</b>	<b>ENG/PHIL</b>
<b>PHIL 2310-002</b>	<b>Logic</b>	<b>2:00-3:50 MTWRF</b>	<b>ENG/PHIL</b>

**Dr. Joel Velasco**

Logic is the study of argumentation and reasoning. The goal of this class is to help you get better at both. We will do this by studying some formal systems of logic and while we do that, learning how to apply this knowledge to natural languages like English. For this summer term, we will meet in a computer lab and learn from lectures as well as partially with the help of some computer software designed for teaching logical reasoning.

<b>PHIL 2320-001</b>	<b>Intro to Ethics</b>	<b>12:00-1:50 MTWRF</b>	<b>ENG/PHIL</b>
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**Dr. Jeremy Schwartz**

How should we live? What is a good life? Ought I to forgo my own interests for the interests of another? Is it sometimes permissible to kill innocent human beings? Is it permissible to kill animals for food? Ethical philosophy attempts to answer these sorts of questions through reason and reflection. Within current ethical philosophy, there are three major schools of thought on how these sorts of questions should be answered: utilitarianism, virtue theory, and deontology. While each of these attempts to shed light on all of these questions merely through reason and reflection, each of them arrives at very different answers to these questions. In this class, we will investigate utilitarianism, deontology, and virtue theory in some detail by closely reading both the founding texts of each of the ethical theories as well as reading some modern re-interpretations and criticisms. In addition, in the last part of the class, we will seek to apply these theories to three test cases: abortion, animal rights, and global poverty. The application to test cases should both shed light on our intuitions about these morally contested issues but also shed light on the ethical theories themselves.