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Prerequisite: This course is designed to develop skills needed for analyzing a problem or situation to arrive at a hypothesis or conclusion about it after synthesizing or integrating all available information. In critical thinking, all assumptions are open to question, divergent views are sought, and the investigation is not biased in favor of a particular solution.

1. Discuss several different ethical theories and to articulate important ethical concepts and principles,
2. Relate the ethically significant features of a controversy in business to an ethical theory or principle,
3. Choose (and defend the choice of) a theory or principle for resolving a dispute in business,
4. Understand basic decision making theory.
5. Demonstrate awareness of the biases and problems inherent in decision making tasks.

<u>Class assessments</u>		subtotal
Exams (2)	100 points each	200
Learnsmart (10)	10 points each	100
Chapter Assignnments (14) (there are 5 for chapter 3)	25 points each	350
Research Paper	150 points	150

Points accumulated will be converted to percentage and grades assigned based on
90's = A, 80's = B, 70's = C, 60's = D, below 60 = E

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Exams

There will be two online exams administered through Connect. The first exam will cover the first 5 chapters of the book, the second exam will cover chapters 6-10 of the book.

A STUDENT MUST HAVE AN PASSING AVERAGE ON THESE EXAMS TO PASS THE CLASS.

Chapter/Course Questions

These questions will consist of questions that I pose to you, or assignment questions from the textbook. I may ask you to post your answers in the discussion forum, or to submit using an assignment link. These questions will assume you have studied the material provided BEFORE you answer them. These questions

Due dates will be made available and updated on blackboard

Learnsmart Assignments:

These assignments, available through blackboard, are self-paced study questions designed to help you LEARN the material. There will be one set of questions for each chapter.

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Research Paper

For this paper you must choose a paper topic from the list on blackboard. Other topics are possible, but **MUST** be approved by the Professor!

Your paper must pick one side of the issue, and present a logical, well researched, defense of that side. Your paper must include sources (minimum of 5), and must use some of the topics for the course as part of your argument (for example you might apply Kantian ethics, or Utilitarianism as part of your discussion, I will be looking for course material in your paper).

Papers must be a minimum of 2750 words, and will be checked for plagiarism, and online lifting of materials, please do your own work here. Papers must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document, or something else that I can actually open to receive credit.

Failure to meet ALL of these criteria will result in no credit.

Assignment Quality

All assignments must meet quality standards that would be expected by managers. **The professor reserves sole discretion in determining whether a completed assignment meets this standard.** Assignments that do not meet this quality standard do not receive credit including discussion board postings that have little substance.

University Policies

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to be familiar with Western Kentucky policy on Academic Honesty. In this class academic dishonesty on an exam or a paper will result in an “F” for the course, and will be reported to the proper officials. Dishonesty on any other exercises may result in punishment ranging from a Zero on the assignment to Failure of the course – at the discretion of the professor.

ADA ACCOMMODATION

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

TITLE IX/ DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf. Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121. Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are “Responsible Employees” of the University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's [Counseling and Testing Center](#) at 270-745-3159.