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**PHILOSOP 9137: Ethics in Twelve Arguments**

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**AREA**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Ethics or moral philosophy is the study of theories of right and wrong, good and bad, and their application to practical moral issues (e.g., treatment of the global poor and racial injustice). Moral philosophers make progress by advancing, refining, and raising objections to arguments. This course will focus on identifying, analysing, and evaluating 12 influential argumentative contributions made to ethics during roughly the last fifty-five years, including Judith Jarvis Thomson on abortion, Thomas Nagel on war and massacre, Peter Singer on global poverty, Bernard Williams on consequentialism and integrity, John Taurek on moral aggregation, J. L. Mackie on moral objectivism, Susan Wolf on moral sainthood, Derek Parfit on well-being, Charles Mills on race and justice, Philippa Foot on the doctrine of double effect, Gwen Bradford on achievement, and Alyssa Izatt and Kimberley Brownlee on the injustices of girlism.