Philosophy 3340
Professional Ethics

Study Guide for the First Test

The test will be given in discussion section meetings on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23 (note change of date).

The questions on the test will include true/false and/or multiple choice questions, an essay (possibly, for example, involving application of one or more ethical theories to a case; and/or requiring explanation and discussion of views such as ethical relativism, hedonism and/or pluralism, ethical and/or psychological egoism, classical hedonistic and/or pluralistic utilitarianism), and possibly some short answer questions (definitions, brief explanations of concepts or distinctions such as consequentialism and non-consequentialism, etc.).

Anything covered in the lectures through Monday February 20 (or February 21 for TR sections) may be on the test. In addition, the test will include questions based upon the readings (Assignments 1-4, already posted online on the course website; Assignment #5, which will be posted shortly; and today’s hand-out on non-consequentialism). If you have any questions, please call us or come by one of our offices.

Some main areas to focus on in preparing for the quiz include:

**Introduction to Philosophical Ethics**
the difference between normative beliefs and descriptive ones (from lecture)

the relationship between morality and other normative systems such as etiquette, law, religion (discussed in lecture and in Shaw -- Assignment #1)

philosophical ethics (emphasis on theories and principles, justification/argumentation, and the ideal of rational justification, from lecture)

ethical relativism (societal and individual), and objections to it (as presented in Shaw -- Assignment #1, and in lecture)

arguments (see hand-out; emphasis on definition of an argument, degrees of support; evaluating arguments; presented in lecture)

**Ethical Theories and Principles**
consequentialism in general - definition (hand-out, lecture, Shaw -- Assignment #2)

consequentialist theories/principles
  ethical egoism (lecture, hand-out, Shaw Assignment #2)

  classical hedonistic utilitarianism (lecture, hand-out, Shaw, Beauchamp and Walters Assignment -- #2)

  pluralistic utilitarianism (lecture, hand-out, Beauchamp and Walters -- Assignment #2)
best interests principle (lecture, hand-out)

theory of value: intrinsic and extrinsic or instrumental value; hedonism and pluralism (from lecture, hand-out, Beauchamp and Walters -- Assignment #2)

nonconsequentialism - general definition (lecture, hand-out, Shaw -- Assignment #2)

some nonconsequentialist principles and concepts (if covered before the test)
   Kant's ethics (the second formulation of the categorical imperative)

   The principle of autonomy

   rights