

Minnesota State University Moorhead

HON 492: Capstone in Ethics and Civic Responsibility

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

The goal of this course is to produce an interdisciplinary scholarly and/or creative work, consistent with the goal of the Honors Program to develop independent thinkers capable of conveying their thoughts to a broad audience. Student paper and final grades will be determined by the quality of written work; assignments are not pro forma. As a Writing Intensive course focusing on Ethics and Civic Responsibility, lecture and discussion will be devoted to engaging the ethical and civic responsibilities incumbent upon professionals, as well as developing individual student projects, including writing workshops, feedback sessions, and instruction in writing matters. MnTC Goal 9.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/02/2016 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. What is ethics?
2. Overview of moral theories including Egoism, Natural Law ethics, Utilitarianism, Respect for Persons, and Virtue Ethics
3. Evaluating and applying moral theories
4. The role of higher education in civic responsibility
5. Bloom's taxonomy and Hansen's proficiencies
6. Defining and discussing civic responsibility

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will apply their understanding of models of education in order to reflect on their own educational journey and civic responsibility.
2. Students will apply their understanding of moral theories to evaluate difficult ethical dilemmas and current social issues.
3. Students will conduct an extension of their major capstone project to demonstrate greater creativity, synthesis, writing or advanced analysis.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of various moral theories and models of educational systems through discussion and evaluation of primary source readings.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

1. No Competencies Indicated

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted