

(Preliminary Syllabus to be Updated at End of First Week of Class)

Ethics in Science and Technology

PHI 3626 0W61
3 Semester Hours Credit

Fall Term 2017
Don Jones

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A. Instructor

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Office Hours

Teaching Schedule	Research Methods	T, Th	9-10:15
	Research Methods	Web	
	Introduction to Philosophy	T, Th	12:00-1:15
	Ethics in Science	Web	

Office Hours Monday 11:30-1:30, Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:30
By appointment otherwise

Optional Online Chat Room virtual office hours announced from week to week

B. Course Description in UCF Catalog

PR: COP 3502C or DIG 2000 or PHI 2647. Recent research in critical thinking applied to ethics in science and technology. Fall, Spring.

C. Course Texts

All readings for the course are online. Reading guidelines will be posted in the Pages area.

D. Course Grade

1/5	Exam One	Multiple Choice Plus 2-3 Page Essay Submitted to Turnitin.com
1/5	Exam Two	Multiple Choice Plus 2-3 Page Essay Submitted to Turnitin.com

1/5 Exam Three Multiple Choice Plus 2-3 Page Essay Submitted to Turnitin.com
1/5 Comprehensive Final Exam
1/5 Top Eight of Ten Online Quizzes

Plus-Minus. We will not use the plus minus grading system.

General Grading Criteria for Essays: Clarity of thesis, support for thesis, awareness of objections to thesis and its supporting reasoning, response to objections, overall logical coherence, and quality of writing.

Discussion Postings: Discussion postings are not required at any time in the course. Nevertheless, lots of optional discussion will take place in the Discussion area. You can get credit for Discussions postings that are related to course content. Points are allocated according to the guidelines at the end of this syllabus.

Discussion points can be substituted for credit on the next upcoming essay (not for multiple choice). Each essay is worth 25 possible points.

If you get 25 or more points from Discussion postings, then you automatically get full credit for the next upcoming essay and are exempt from writing it. I will take care of this automatically—you don't need to request it.

If you get fewer than 25 points, those can be applied to reduce the length of the upcoming essay

I will try to upgrade your Discussion posting points totals at least once week. At any time, if you would like to know your updated total and you don't see it posted online in the Grades section, just email me at donjones@ucf.edu and I can send it to you.

Warning: Please be very careful to avoid plagiarism in essays and in Discussion postings. In general, you are most welcome, indeed encouraged, to seek outside sources (written, online, or in-person) for material but must report the source, including page numbers. Paraphrases and direct quotations should be in quotation marks and footnoted. You are welcome to use an informal footnote style by inserting a brief reference inside parentheses in your text that refers to an item that you list in a bibliography at the end of your paper.

The consequences of plagiarism will be an "F" on the assignment, a possible "F" on the exam (if it occurs on an exam), a possible "F" in the course, and required recommendation to Student Conduct for further disciplinary action, including dismissal from UCF.