

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
Psychology Department

**Durham Summer Program 2003**

**ETHICS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND RELATED FIELDS  
(PSYC 114)**

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**Required Reading:**

- Texts:
1. Rachels, J. (2003). *The Elements of Moral Philosophy* (Fourth Edition). NY: McGraw-Hill.
  2. Koocher, G., & Keith-Speigal, P. (1998). *Ethics in Psychology* (Second Edition). NY: Oxford University Press.
  3. Plante, T.G. *Do the Right Thing: Living Ethically in an Unethical World*. Oakland, CA: New Harbinger, in press.

Additional readings: TBA

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**Course Evaluation:**

Midterm Learning Probe:	100 points	Date: Week 3
Final Learning Probe:	200 points	Date: Week 5
Reflection Paper	100 points	Date: Week 5
Class Participation and Scholarly Enthusiasm: can improve course grade !		

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**Course Description:** Ethics in psychology involves the role of ethical behavior and decision making in the field of psychology and related behavioral, medical, and social sciences (e.g., medicine, public policy, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy). In accordance with the University's statement of purpose, the course seeks to "prepare students to assume leadership roles in society through an education that stresses moral ...values..., seeks to answer ...'what should be'...and (promotes) justice...and the common good." Class topics include issues related to competence, integrity, professional, scientific, and social responsibility, respect for other's rights and dignity, concern for other's welfare and other topics. This class fulfills the University's CORE ethics requirement. In Durham, the class will also compare and contrast the American and British ethical approaches to social and health care services.

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- Course Goals:**
- (1) To understand ethical issues and ethical decision making in the field of psychology and related fields.
  - (2) To provide a framework for understanding and thinking about ethical issues in psychology and other behavioral, social, and medical sciences.
  - (3) To provide the foundation for students taking additional courses and advanced training in psychology and other behavioral and social science fields.
  - (4) To compare and contrast the American approach to ethics in psychology and related fields with the British approach

**Sequence of Topics and Readings:**

Week 1:	Introduction to Course & Introduction to Ethics Methods and Perspectives in Ethical Decision Making	Rachels book
Week 2:	Continuation of week 1 material if needed and Application of Ethical Decision Making to Psychology and Related Fields	Koocher 1-2, App A, Plante intro-2
Week 3:	Competence & Integrity (Learning Probe 1)	Koocher 3-4, 11, 12; Plante 3-4
Week 4:	Professional, Scientific, and Social Responsibility Respect for People's Rights and Dignity	Koocher 10,17, Plante 5-6 Koocher 8, 9, Plante 7
Week 5:	Concern for Other's Welfare Future Trends, Hot Topics, & Conclusions (Learning Probe 2) & hand in reflection paper	Koocher 6, 7, Plante 8 Koocher 16, 5 Plante 9

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