

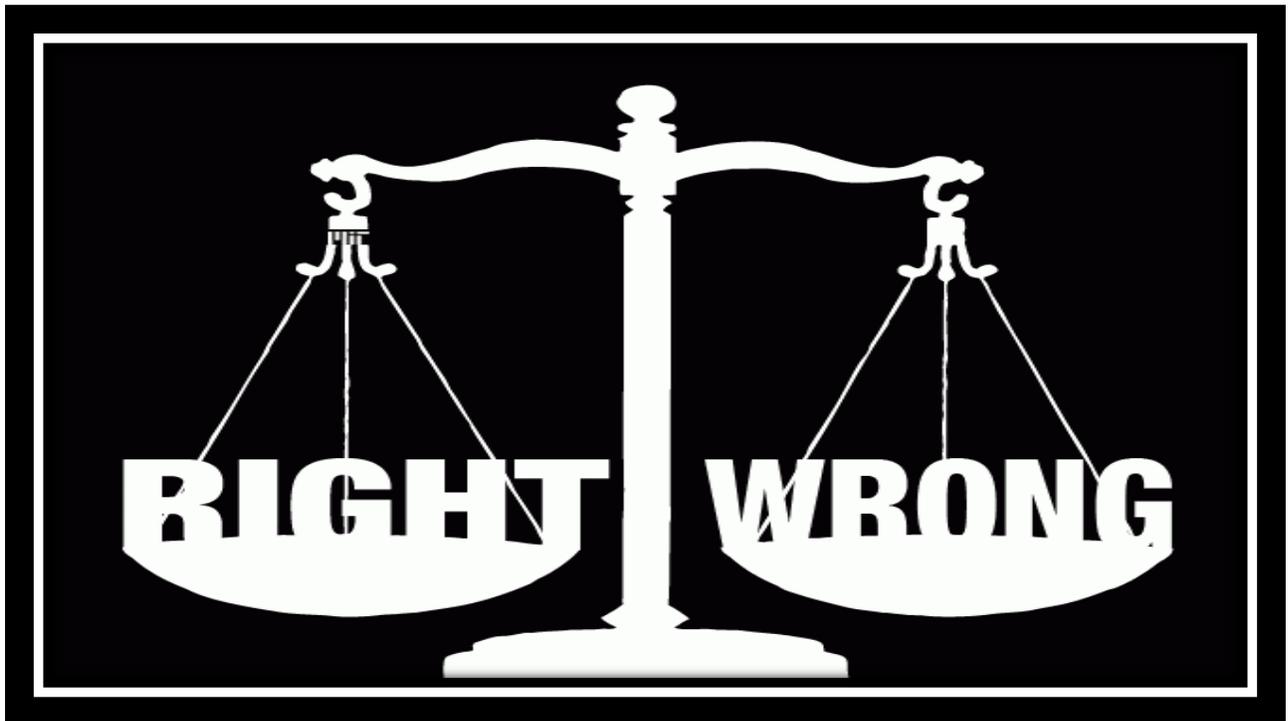
# Philosophy 132: Ethical Theory

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## **PHIL 132 - Ethical Theory**

Theoretical problems in the understanding of right conduct, value, obligation, justice, and virtue. Prerequisite(s): 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.

We all occasionally reflect on the ethical dimensions of our lives as it is part of the human experience. At the heart of ethics are two fundamental questions: 'What should I do?' and 'What sort of person should I be?' These are amongst the most important questions a person can ask themselves and have been the driving force behind most ethical debate in the history of philosophy. In this course, we will explore how the answers to these questions have evolved from the early Greek philosophers to the philosophers of today. We will discuss the answers to these questions that have been provided by the most profound thinkers of past generations and we will consider whether their conflicting opinions amount to disagreements about the truth or are merely expressions of their differing attitudes. We will also consider how their varied theories might help us understand the moral issues we face today.