Week 1

Tuesday, September 2nd

Topic: Requirements and aims of course; providing reasons for beliefs

Assignment for the 4th: Arguments

Thursday, September 4th

Topic: Providing reasons for beliefs, again. Overview of moral visions; the essay question on your final exam.

Assignment for the 9th: Mill, Utilitarianism, Chapters 1 & 2; see the outlines of these chapters.

Week 2

Tuesday, September 9th

Topic: Ethical issues permeate our lives; utilitarianism, the basics

Assignment for the 11th: Mill, Utilitarianism, Chapters 3 & 4 and outlines.

Thursday, September 11th

Topic: Utilitarianism, conscience and justification of the theory; why God does not matter morally

Assignments for the 16th: Mill, Utilitarianism, Chapter 5; see outline; read also Chapter 6 of Robison & Reeser, Ethical Decision-Making in Social Work, online.
Exam #1 -- Includes everything up until September 11th

Week 3

Tuesday, September 16th

Topic: Justice

No assignment

Thursday, September 18th

Hale Ethics Series: Deborah Mower, Teaching Ethics via Sympathy

Assignment for the 23rd: procedural justice from assignments for the 16th (see September 11th)

Week 4

Tuesday, September 23rd

Topic: Procedural justice and decision procedures

Assignment for the 25th: Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Chapter 1

Thursday, September 25th

Topic: Summarization of utilitarianism; onto Kant

Assignment for the 30th: Again: Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals*, Chapter 1, plus look at the outline of Kant

Exam #2 -- Includes everything, from the beginning, up until September 23rd. There will be questions repeated from the 1st exam if they were missed by a critical mass.

Week 5

Tuesday, September 30th

Topic: The initial details of Kant

No assignment

Thursday, October 2nd

Hale Ethics Series: Kevin Otterson, Visiting Low-Income People-Education or Exploitation?

Assignment for the 7th: Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Chapter 2

Week 6

Tuesday, October 7th

Topic: Kant's categorical imperative
Assignment: Again, Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Chapter 2 and look at the [outline](#).

Thursday, October 9th

Topic: Kant Again

Assignment: Handout on comparison of Kant and Mill

Exam #3

Week 7

Tuesday, October 14th

Topic: Comparison of Mill and Kant

Assignment: Handout on problems with Kant

Thursday, October 16th

Hale Ethics Series: Don Gotterbarn, “E-Voting: How to count 110% of the vote or more! Technological determinism and the limits of professional responsibility”

Assignment: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book I

Week 8

Tuesday, October 21st

Topic: ‘Sicko’ to see how ethics permeates our lives.

Assignment: “Sick and Twisted”, “Curing the System”, “Moral Crisis in Health Care”, “World’s Best Health Care”, and “An Immoral Philosophy”

Thursday, October 23th

Topic: Onto Aristotle! Virtues and the good life

Assignment: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book II

Exam #4

Week 9

Tuesday, October 28th

Topic: Virtues and vices

Assignment: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book III
Thursday, October 30th

**Hale Ethics Series:** Scott Boylston, The Struggle for Regimes of Truth: Power, Artistic Expression and Leadership

**Assignment for November 4th:** Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book III again

Week 10

**Tuesday, November 4th**

**Topic:** Particular virtues again

**Assignment:** Look at the essay for the final exam and consider how you will answer it.

**Thursday, November 6th**

**Topic:** Comparison of the three theories, their virtues and liabilities: what kind of moral life ought we to lead?

**Due:** Micro-essay on Scott Boylston, hard copy to be handed in at the beginning of class

Final Exam, as scheduled