

**Spring 2025**

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**PLNU Mission**

**To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send**

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

**Fermanian School of Business Mission**

**Character – Professionalism – Excellence – Relationships – Commitment - Innovation**

As members of a vital Christian community, we strive to provide high quality business programs that equip students to make a positive impact in their workplace and community by connecting purpose to practice.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an introduction to foundational theories and problems in moral philosophy and explores a process for ethical decision-making in order to develop a stakeholder approach to leadership in organizations. Emphasis will be given to the study of major Western ethical theories and important moral philosophers, and to creating a framework for evaluating ethical choices and applying that framework to ethical dilemmas in organizations.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Exhibit an understanding of foundational theories and problems in ethics (PLO 1 & 4)
2. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical decision making (PLO 4).
3. Analyze organizational scenarios using ethical theories and models (PLO 2 & 4).
4. Evaluate leadership and ethics in an organizational setting (PLO 4).

## COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

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In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 2 unit class delivered over 8 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 75 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

## REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

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Wilkins, S. (2011). *Beyond bumper sticker ethics: an introduction to theories of right and wrong* (Second Edition). IVP Academic.

## ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

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### Activities and Point Distribution

Activity	Points
Discussions: Weekly Canvas Discussions	350
Short Essays: Weekly Short Essays & Peer Reviews	330
Summary Paper: Takeaways from Ethics Survey	75
Final Paper: Ethical Decision-Making Model	150
Video Participation	95
Total Points	1000

### Points will be converted to grades as follows

Points	Grade	Points	Grade
930-1000	A	730-769	C
900-929	A-	700-729	C-
870-899	B+	670-699	D+
830-869	B	630-669	D
800-829	B-	600-629	D-
770-799	C+	0-599	F

## INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

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All assignments are to be submitted/turned in when they are due. In general, a grade of 0 will be assigned to any work submitted late (as indicated in Canvas) without prior arrangement. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

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While I do recognize the usefulness of AI tools in many applications, this course is primarily dedicated to your reflection on and wrestling with the practice of ethics – it is dedicated to your growth as an ethicist. As a result, unless indicated otherwise for a particular assignment, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc.) is not permitted, and use of these tools will be treated as plagiarism.

## SPIRITUAL CARE

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PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our Graduate and Adult Undergraduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Mission Valley (MV) campus we have an onsite chaplain who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions or a desire to meet or share any prayer requests with the onsite chaplain, you may email Dr. Sylvia Cortez Masyuk at [scortezm@pointloma.edu](mailto:scortezm@pointloma.edu).

In addition, on the MV campus there is a prayer chapel on the third floor which is open for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

## GPS ACADEMIC RESOURCES

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PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- [The GPS Writing Center](#) offers:
  - **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
  - **One-to-one appointments** with the Writing Coach
  - **Microlearning YouTube Video Library** for helpful tips anytime
  - [Research Help Guide](#) to help you start your research
  - The physical office is located on the third floor of the [Mission Valley Regional Center](#) off the student lounge
- [Academic Writing Resources Course](#): Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. [Watch a quick video run-through](#) and take time now to explore!
- Grammarly: Students have unlimited FREE access to Grammarly for Education, a trusted tool designed to help enhance writing skills by providing real-time feedback, identifying areas for improvement, and providing suggestions. Grammarly's Generative AI is NOT available with our student accounts.
- [Tutoring](#): Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.

We are here to support you! Contact us anytime: [GPSWritingCenter@pointloma.edu](mailto:GPSWritingCenter@pointloma.edu)

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## **STATE AUTHORIZATION**

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

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## **PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY**

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

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## **PLNU Recording Notification**

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

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## **PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See [Adult Undergraduate Academic and General Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

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During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

## **PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

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PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center ([EAC@pointloma.edu](mailto:EAC@pointloma.edu) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to ensure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any special accommodations.

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION**

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In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the Title IX Office at [pointloma.edu/Title-IX](http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at [counselingservices@pointloma.edu](mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu) or find a list of campus pastors at [pointloma.edu/title-ix](http://pointloma.edu/title-ix) or as shown in the PLNU Spiritual Care section of this syllabus.

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources at [www.pointloma.edu/bias](http://www.pointloma.edu/bias)

## **COURSE MODALITY DEFINITIONS**

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1. Online Courses: These are courses with class meetings where all instruction and interaction is fully online.
  - a. Synchronous Courses: At least one class meeting takes place at a designated time.
  - b. Asynchronous Courses: All class meetings are asynchronous.

2. Hybrid Courses: These are courses with class meetings that take place both in the classroom and online synchronously and/or asynchronously.
3. In-Person Courses: These are courses that meet in person with the instructor and students in a physical classroom setting. With approval by the area dean, this may include up to 25% of qualified class interactions through a Learning Management System (such as Canvas).

## **PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

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Students taking online courses with no specific scheduled meeting times are expected to actively engage throughout each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in an online discussion
- Submitting an assignment
- Taking an exam
- Participating in online labs
- Initiating contact with faculty member within the learning management system to discuss course content

Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.

## **USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

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In order to be successful in your course, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

## COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

The 'official' and up-to-date schedule of all activities will be on the Canvas website. Make sure to check this regularly.

Week	Dates	Readings	Topics
1	1/13 – 1/19	Course Syllabus	Course Introduction
2	1/20 – 1/26	BBSE Ch. 1-4	Ethics, Worldviews, Cultural Relativism, Ethical Egoism and Behaviorism
3	1/27 – 2/2	BBSE Ch. 5-8	Evolutionary Ethics to Virtue Ethics
4	2/3 – 2/9	BBSE Ch. 9-12	Narrative Ethics to Divine Command Theory
5	2/10 – 2/16	JD Chapters (1-4) & 5	Building Blocks for Ethical Decision-Making
6	2/17 – 2/23	Stakeholder Readings	Stakeholder Ethics and Phase I of the Framework
7	2/24 – 3/2	Sustainability Readings	Environmental Ethics and Phase II of the Framework
8	3/3 – 3/8		Final Thoughts and the Framework Completed