

BUS 497 Business & Professional Ethics

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SPECIAL NOTE: This class will be conducted electronically by e-mail and on the World Wide Web. To enroll for the course, you must have an e-mail address and access to the internet. Your computer must have Microsoft Word.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an integration of the student's experience by focusing on the ethical implication of business policies. Using the case study method, students are exposed to business issues and examine the use of leadership skills to make and implement decisions considered to be ethically troublesome to managers of businesses.

TEXT:

Ethics and the Conduct of Business, 5th ed., John R. Boatright. Prentice Hall, 2000.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Have an increased awareness of how their own biases, culture, upbringing, values, and standards may affect their thinking.
2. Demonstrate the ability to examine all sides of an issue – to think critically.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of three basic views of ethics:
 - Utilitarian View of Ethics
 - Rights View of Ethics
 - Theory of Justice View of Ethics
4. Have a clear understanding of their own view of ethics and the foundation upon which that view is based.

COURSE ACTIVITIES:

This course will be conducted on the World Wide Web. Students will complete a total of four assignments designed to meet the stated objectives of the course.

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For this course, students will complete a total of four (4) assignments. Each completed assignment will be e-mailed to the instructor no later than the due date listed below. Upon receipt of a completed assignment, the next assignment will be e-mailed to the student. Students may submit assignments *earlier* than the due date.

The due dates for the assignments are as follows:

Assignment #1 due June 9th	= 25 points
Assignment #2 due June 23rd	= 25 points
Assignment #3 due July 14th	= 25 points
Assignment #4 due July 28th	= 25 points

GRADING SCALE:

100 – 95	= A
94 – 90	= A-
89 – 87	= B+
86 – 84	= B
83 – 80	= B-
79 – 77	= C+
76 – 74	= C
73 – 70	= C-
69 – 67	= D+
66 – 64	= D
63 – 60	= D-
59 & below	= F

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY:

This policy requires that you immediately and cheerfully offer the benefit of your knowledge and skills to any fellow student who needs your help. If someone helps you, whether a fellow student, the author of a book/article, a family member, a pastor or priest, a coworker, a child, a pet, or anyone else, say that they helped you. That's called citing a source. Always show respect for the ideas or words of others by giving them the credit. Failure to show respect will result in an "F".