COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is the first in a sequence of interdisciplinary courses designed to help you to use ethical reasoning and critical thinking and to act morally in the choices you make in your personal life and to act ethically in the choices you make in your professional career. It provides an overview of different ways in which values, morality and ethics have been conceptualized throughout history.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Mid-Term and Final Projects (30%), Two Papers (30%), Weekly Online Responses (20%), Participation & Attendance (20%). More than 4 absences = Failure.
COURSE CALENDAR:

**Week 1: January 11-17** - Introduction: What are Values?/Historical Overview of Western and Eastern Approaches to Ethics/Current Affairs Reflection: Public Judgment of El Chapo

**Week 2: January 18-24** - Birth of Religions/The Afterlife; Rituals; Memory Politics; Egypt, Plato, Exodus & Matthew/Current Affairs: The Living Dead


**Week 4: February 1-7** - Evolution of Religious Morality/Exodus, Ecclesiastes, Matthew, Paul, Augustine, Benedict, Hildegard, Aquinas, De las Casas/Current Affairs: Missionaries Abroad & Gandhi: Religions confronts Colonialism

**Week 5: February 8-14** - Definitions of Reason/ Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, Locke, Kant, Hegel, Freud/Current Affairs: Neuroscience, psychiatry and human reason


**Week 7: February 22-28** - Mid-Term Exercise

**Week 8: February 29-March 6** - Enlightenment/ Bacon, Kant, Hegel/ Current Affairs: The Debt of Enlightenment

**Week 9: March 7-13** - The Promise of Scientific Methods/Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Darwin/Current Affairs: Oliver Sacks

**Week 10: March 14-20** - Essay I - Thinking About Liberation/Revolutions, Violence, Rights/Current Affairs: Anti-Colonialism


**Week 12: March 28-April 3** - Existentialism/ Nietzsche, Kirkegaard, Sartre, Camus/ Current Affairs: Electoral Turnout & Activism Decline

**Week 13: April 4-10** - Ethics after the Holocaust/Theories of Intentionality and Responsibility, Arendt/Current Affairs: International Court of Justice

**Week 14: April 11-17** - Final Reflections Part I: Ethics, a Collective Discourse

**Week 15: April 18-19** - Final Reflections Part II: Ethics, an Individual Practice