Phil. 430(3): Ethics and Society
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Instructor Information
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Course Description
This class introduces you to some of the central issues in business ethics. We will begin by discussing the moral theories that are often appealed to in business ethics. After that, we will discuss several central topics in business ethics, such as corporate social responsibility, whistle-blowing, sweatshops, business and the environment, deception in sales, advertising ethics, business bluffing, and affirmative action. We will also discuss many classic and contemporary business ethics cases. By the end of the course, you will have a good understanding of many of the theories, topics, and cases that business ethicists are discussing today. You will also have a better understanding of the nature of arguments and a better ability to extract and evaluate arguments from texts.

Course Requirements
Course requirements will include in-class exams, some group activities, in-class writing assignments, and participation in an online discussion forum.

There are no prerequisites for this course. It satisfies the Discovery Humanities (HUMA) Category and Gen. Ed. Category 8. It also satisfies the PCBE ethics requirement.

Textbook Information
The textbook for the course will likely be Russ Shafer-Landau’s *The Fundamentals of Ethics*, 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, 2014. Other readings will be put online.