

SCO101 Why Do Good?

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Do we have obligations to help others? Should we do good because we can? This course questions the basis of how we think about right and wrong, our reasons for doing or not doing good, and distinguishes between rights, responsibilities, obligations and types of duties. It will extend these views from the perspective of an ethical theory (e.g., utilitarianism) to a single issue (e.g., famine relief). This course is also a primer for most elective courses in the SUSS Core, which inspect our interaction between individuals and between societies.

Topics:

- Common terms used in moral discourse
- Ethical Dilemmas
- Banal Evil
- Kantian Deontological Ethics
- Effective Altruism and Tainted Altruism
- Case studies

Learning Outcome:

- Identify ethical considerations
- Explain concepts concerning how we should think about ethical issues
- Apply ethical theories to discuss real-world issues
- Demonstrate ethical reasoning in personal responses
- Discuss constraints of each ethical position
- Present ethical case studies

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	10
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	30
PRESENTATION	20
PROGRESS REPORT	40
Sub-Total	100

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Sub-Total	

Weightage Total

100