

CLASS NUMBER AND NAME: **PHN101A—ETHICS IN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

TOTAL HOURS/UNITS: 24 HOURS/2 UNITS

PREREQUISITES: NONE

TEXTS AND MATERIALS: *Ethics in Technology and Society, 3rd Edition, Hartman, Desjardins, MacDonald, 2013. (ISBN 9781121921368)*

CLASS DESCRIPTION: This class ties personal integrity and morals into ethical standards and relates personal ethics to decision making in a professional environment. Employee and employer responsibilities are explored, particularly as they apply to personal information and privacy in an age of electronic records.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will be able to identify ethical issues in the business environment and in their professional interactions.
2. Students will be able to use ethical decision-making tools in order to think through ethical issues and to respond ethically when faced with ethical challenges.
3. Students will gain skills with which to effectively integrate their personal values and ethical decision-making into their professional environment.

CLASS FORMAT OVERVIEW: This class is a lecture/discussion class.

REQUIREMENTS: Time spent in preparation for or reflection on course lecture will approximate two hours outside of class for each lecture credit hour utilized by the instructor in delivery of the material and ¼ hour outside of class for each hour of structured lab time.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: As lecture/discussion is the principal means of instruction, it will be expected that all students will be present every day to take part in class. Participation in class discussions is important in this class.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance will account for 25% of the grade. It is expected that each student will be in class when class begins. Should the student come in later than five minutes after class begins, he or she should be certain that the instructor has noted his or her presence in class. It will then be up to the instructor to decide if the student had arrived in time to be counted as present—the instructor's decision will be final.

Students must maintain 80% (20 hours of a 24 hour class) attendance in order to pass the class.

Attendance will be taken every day.

At all times, it will be up to the student to find out what work was assigned while he or she was absent. In-class assignments are given periodically and may not be made up.

HOMEWORK:

Classroom assignments are due at the beginning of the class hour. All students should be prepared to respond in class when called upon to do so.

Late work will not be accepted for credit.

TESTING:

A final will be given in the class.

LATE TESTING:

There will be a 10 percent penalty for all late testing.

GRADING POLICIES:

Final and Final Project	25%	of final grade
Homework and Assignments	50%	of final grade
Attendance and Participation	25%	of final grade

FINAL GRADE:

The final grade will be based on the following percentages:

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
0 – 59%	F

A student will have earned a passing grade in the course by achieving a D or higher.

ANTICIPATED LEARNING
OUTCOMES:

Upon the completion of this course the student
will be able to:

1. Define the terms Morals, Values and Ethics.
2. Explain why ethics is important in the business environment.
3. Distinguish the ethics of personal integrity from the ethics of social responsibility.
4. Explain why ethical responsibilities go beyond legal compliance.
5. Describe a process for ethically responsibly decision making.
6. Explain the concept of due process in the workplace.
7. Define “employment at will” (EAW) and its ethical rationale.
8. Describe the “acceptable risk” approach to health and safety in the workplace.
9. Describe the nature of an employer’s responsibility with regard to employee health and safety and why the market is not the most effective arbiter of this responsibility.
10. Explain and distinguish the two definitions of privacy.
11. Describe the ethical sources of privacy as a fundamental value.
12. Identify the three legal sources of privacy protection.
13. Discuss the reasonable expectation of privacy in connection with employee monitoring.
14. Explain the risks involved in a failure to understand the implications of technology and its uses.

Ethics in Technology and Society—PHN101A Class Outline

The instructor reserves the right to reconfigure the above with prior notice to the class. The class objectives will be met regardless of deviation from this outline.

Week	Six-Week Module
ONE	<p>Homework: Due _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal and Reflection Exercise — Due first class of week 2 • Article and YouTube presentation and submission — Due last class of week 1 <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and Discussion on Ethics, Morals, and Values • Movie • Article and YouTube presentations presented last class of the week
TWO	<p>Homework: Due _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Ethics and Business (Chapter 1) • Question #3 on page 32 and Ethical Dilemma #1 — Due first class of week 3 • Article and YouTube presentation and submission — Due last class of week 2 <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and Discussion on Ethics and Business • Discussion of movie • Article and YouTube presentations presented last class of the week
THREE	<p>Homework: Due _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Ethical Decision Making: Personal and Professional Context (Chapter 2) • Question #3 on page 71 and Ethical Dilemma #2 — Due first class of week 4 • Article and YouTube presentation and submission — Due last class of week 3 • Final Project Assigned <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and Discussion on Ethical Decision Making: Personal and Professional Context • Article and YouTube presentations presented last class of the week
FOUR	<p>Homework: Due _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Ethical Decision Making: Employer Responsibilities and Employee Rights (Chapter 6) • Question # 6 on page 149-150 and Ethical Dilemma #3 — Due first class of week 5 • Article and YouTube presentation and submission — Due last class of week 4 • The Most Ethical Person I Know Essay Assigned • Work on Final Project <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and Discussion on Ethical Decision Making: Employer Responsibilities and Employee Rights • Article and YouTube presentations presented last class of the week
FIVE	<p>Homework: Due _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Ethical Decision Making: Technology and Privacy in the Workplace (Chapter 7) • Work on Final Project and Final <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and Discussion on Ethical Decision Making: Technology and Privacy in the Workplace • <i>The Most Ethical Person I Know</i> Essay Due last class of this week
SIX	<p>Homework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Final Project • Complete Final <p><u>In Class:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final • Final presentations