TEST 2 REVIEW QUESTIONS
Foundations of Professional Ethics
PHIL 3340.001

This review gives you a fair indication of the content of the second test. If you study our text, review the lecture notes - and attend the lectures, of course - and compose answers for each of the following questions, you should be well prepared for the test. The format of the test will consist of some T/F questions, some multiple-choice questions, and one essay question. The essay question will be on the social contract theory of ethics; in particular, it will be on the Prisoner's Dilemma.

1. According to Hobbes, what facts about human life can lead to a “state of nature”?
2. Explain the Prisoner's Dilemma. According to the Social Contract Theorist, what lessons are we to learn from the Prisoner's Dilemma?
3. According to Social Contract Theorist, when is civil disobedience morally acceptable?
4. What are some advantages and difficulties of the Social Contract Theory?
5. What is the Principle of Utility?
6. What role does the distribution of happiness play in the Utilitarian’s calculations?
7. The Utilitarian sees the racist, sexist and speciesist as making the same kind of mistake: explain.
8. What might a Utilitarian have to say about euthanasia? Legalizing marijuana? Animal rights?
9. What is the Principle of Rational Benevolence?
10. What is the "Backward-Looking Reasons" objection to Utilitarianism?
11. How might Utilitarianism disrupt our personal relationships?
12. What does it mean to say that Utilitarianism is too demanding?
13. What is the difference between act and rule Utilitarianism?
14. What is the difference between dutiful acts and supererogatory acts?
15. Explain the difference between Consequentialist and Deontological ethical theories of ethics.
16. Did Kant base his ethical theory on our sentiments or our reason?
17. What is the difference between a hypothetical and a categorical imperative? Provide an example of each.
18. State the categorical imperative (first version) that for Kant is the supreme principle of morality.
19. How might we test to see if an action of ours conforms to Kant's categorical imperative?
20. What is “negative responsibility”?
21. State some objections to Kantian absolutism.
22. What is Kant’s second formulation of the Categorical Imperative?
23. What are Kant’s views on punishment?
24. How does a Utilitarian view punishment?