Course Description
In this course we will aim to do two things. First, we will look at some of the answers that have been given to broad ethical questions, questions about what, at a very general level, makes a person and her activity good. Second, we will consider the topic of friendship. After familiarizing ourselves with the ways in which some philosophers have gone about answering the broad questions, we will read what they have to say about relationships of intimacy and equality (friendships). We will think some about what the value of friendship is for us, what particular ethical demands are made on us and what particular ethical powers are bestowed on us in light of its value, and what problems recognizing friendship’s value might pose for certain ethical theories. By considering friendship, we will start to see how it is possible to move from answers to the broad questions to more concrete ethical ideas.

Required Reading
Readings will be posted to the course website.

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Requirements
Weekly Quizzes 15%
Section Attendance 10%
Midterm Exam 30%
Final Paper Outline 15%
Final Paper (4-5 pages) 30%

Weekly Quizzes – Each week in class there will be one short ‘pop’ quiz on the reading assigned for the day the quiz is given. The quiz date will not be announced. Quizzes cannot be made up. The five best quiz grades will be counted.

Section Attendance – Attendance will be taken in section each week. Each student will be allowed one absence. Attendance at five of the six section meetings will earn full attendance credit.

Midterm Exam – There will be a midterm exam with two parts – one completed in class and one at home. The midterm will cover material assigned up to and including 7/10. The in-class portion of the exam will be an hour long and will be given on 7/17. The take-home portion of the exam will be distributed on 7/14 and due at the beginning of class (1pm) on 7/19. Each student must complete the take-home portion of the exam on her own - collaboration is not
permitted. Exams must be submitted to turnitin. Late submissions will be penalized 1/3 of a letter grade for each day they are late.

**Final Paper Outline** – A detailed outline of the final paper will be due by 11:59pm on **7/29**. Outlines must be submitted to turnitin. Late outlines will be penalized 1/3 of a letter grade for each day they are late. The outline should make clear the intended structure of the paper. Each outline should include a statement of the paper’s thesis, a mention of the texts and/or arguments that will be used to defend the thesis, and an indication of how those texts and/or arguments will be used to defend the thesis.

**Final Paper** – A 4-5 page final paper will be due at 11:59pm on **8/8**. Paper topics will be distributed on 7/17. Papers must be submitted to turnitin. Extensions must be requested 48 hours before the due date. Late papers will be penalized 1/3 of a letter grade for each day they are late.

**Academic Integrity**
Cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated. Students can refer to the Student Conduct Code for more information about what qualifies as academic dishonesty and what procedures the university has for addressing it.

**Academic Accommodations**
Students needing academic accommodations based on a disability should contact the Center for Accessible Education (CAE) at (310)825-1501 or in person at Murphy Hall A255. When possible, students should contact the CAE within the first two weeks of the term as reasonable notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. For more information visit www.cae.ucla.edu.

**Schedule**
Week 1
M (6/26) Plato - Republic, Book I
W (6/28) Plato - Republic, Book II (beginning-369b), Book IV (432b-end)
F (6/30) Plato - Lysis

Week 2
M (7/3) Aristotle – Nicomachean Ethics, Book I (1-5, 7-11)
W (7/5) Aristotle - Nicomachean Ethics, Book II, Book X (6-9)
F (7/7) Aristotle - Nicomachean Ethics, Book II, Book X (6-9)

Week 3
M (7/10) Aristotle - Nicomachean Ethics, Book VIII (1-6), Book IX (4-5, 7-12)
W (7/12) Julia Annas – “Plato and Aristotle on friendship and altruism”
F (7/14) Jennifer Whiting – “Impersonal friends”, Take-home Portion of Midterm Exam Distributed
Week 4
M (7/17) Midterm Exam – In-class Portion, Paper Topic Distributed
W (7/19) Midterm Exam – Take-home Portion Due, Kant - *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Section I
F (7/21) Kant - *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Section II (4:412-4:440)

Week 5
F (7/28) Seana Shiffrin – “Promising, intimate relationships and conventionalism”, Barbara Herman – “Could it be worth thinking about Kant on sex and marriage?”

Saturday 7/29 Final Paper Outlines Due

Week 6
M (7/31) Sidgwick – *The Methods of Ethics*, Book IV (Ch1, 4, 5)
W (8/2) Sidgwick - *The Methods of Ethics*, Book IV (Ch6, 2)
F (8/4) Sidgwick - *The Methods of Ethics*, Book IV (Ch3)

Tuesday 8/8 Final Papers Due