

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
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Undergraduate Course Outline
Philosophy 4810F, 1130-230 Mondays
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EGALITARIANISM

Description

This class will explore the following questions: What is equality and why should we think it matters morally? What's the right way to measure inequality? Insofar as think equality matters morally, what exactly is it that we think ought to be equal: income, well-being, opportunities? How much does equality matter compared to other factors that also have moral significance, such as desert, evil, and overall well-being? We'll read work by egalitarian moral and political philosophers as well as by the critics of egalitarianism, including feminist critics. In the final few weeks we'll turn to some applied problems in moral and political philosophy related to egalitarianism.

TEXTS

All readings will be accessible through OWL. There is no text for this class.

REQUIREMENTS

Evaluation

- 1 short paper 5-7 pages, 20%
- 1 longer paper 15-20 pages, 50%
- 1 class presentation, 20%
- 10 weekly questions based on the readings, 10%

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

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