

Welcome Announcement

Ethicists,

Welcome to Ethics Online! My name is Dr. Biro and I am your professor for the Winter 2026 term. I look forward to working with you over the next several weeks. I teach Philosophy classes here at Marist, with a focus on applied ethics. This semester we will look at both the attractions and the difficulties involved in several prominent ethical theories. In doing so, you will discover for yourself what thinking philosophically is all about.

The text for our course is: *The Fundamentals of Ethics* edited by Russ Shafer-Landau, 6th edition. Oxford: 2023. The *Fundamentals of Ethics* (abbreviated *FE*) is clear and well-argued, and will serve as a supplement to the primary source readings that we will examine this semester.

The textbook must be purchased through Perusall: We will be completing the weekly readings through an online annotation platform called Perusall. You will need to purchase the course textbook from Perusall, as there are assignments attached to each reading. Therefore, please do not purchase any of the required course readings from the campus bookstore or from Amazon.

Accessing Perusall: Link to the Perusall course site from the Checklist in Brightspace. Here you will see the class library, where you will purchase your textbook with a credit card. Links to additional resources such as news, videos, supplementary articles, are embedded within each weekly Brightspace unit.

Important Notes, Dates & Times to Remember

Reliable internet connectivity is a requirement for all 5 weeks of this course. Being away for a few days without an internet connection will not bring you success in the class so please plan accordingly.

Lessons and assignments will be posted every Saturday by 9 AM, ET. If you have any questions, please email me: sasha.biro@marist.edu.

I look forward to our semester together,

Dr. Biro