

PHI 192: Introduction to Moral Theory
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This is a general introduction to ethical theory. We will consider, among other topics, the relationship between God and morality, a few prominent general theories of what makes an act right or wrong, the relationship between one's own interests and morality, challenges to morality's authority, as well as the factual status of moral claims. Attention will also be given to ethical issues of special contemporary concern. Roughly, the first half of the class will address timeless issues in ethics and several general understandings of what makes actions morally right will be considered and assessed. The second half of the class will address issues of mass incarceration, economic inequality, the appropriate legal status of drugs, the ethics of eating meat, what makes punishment morally permissible, abortion, and other topics.

Required text: There is no required textbook. All readings will be made available on Blackboard.

Grades: Grades will be determined by a mid-term exam, a final exam, and 5 in class pop quizzes on that day's reading. The mid-term will count for 30 percent of one's grade, the final 35%, and the 5 pop quizzes 35%. The final exam will cover the second half of the class and will not be cumulative over the entire class. No extra credit assignments will be given. You are allowed 3

excused absences without providing any justification for the absence. These can be used by e-mailing me and your TA PRIOR to the start of class and explaining that you are using one of your excused absences. (E-mails that arrive after the start of class will not excuse you from that class.) Missed pop quizzes on days when you do not have an excused absence will result in a failing grade for that quiz. Excuses for missed classes where you did not use an excused absence must be documented and will be subject to serious scrutiny. Electronics of any kind as well as the use of AI during quizzes or exams is not permitted. However, you may use hard copies of notes that you yourself have written during quizzes and exams. You will have to turn in your notes.

The following timeline of topics is only intended to provide a rough idea of the trajectory of the class. The schedule will certainly be adjusted during the term. DO NOT ASSUME WE ARE READING THE NEXT ITEM ON THE LIST. Rather pay attention to the announcements concerning the reading in class and on Blackboard.

Meeting 1: Getting Started in Thinking About Ethics

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Meeting 3: Consequentialism. (Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality")

Meeting 4: Consequentialism. (Chapter 9)

Meeting 5: Consequentialism and its Critics (Chapter 10)

Meeting 6: Rejecting Consequentialism: Huemer, "America's Unjust Drug War"

Meeting 7: The Kantian Perspective (Chapter 11)

Meeting 8: The Kantian Perspective (Chapter 12)

Meeting 9: Morality and Self-Interest (Plato's *Republic*)

Meeting 10: Morality and God

Meeting 11: Meta-ethics (Chapter 20)

Meeting 12: Meta-ethics (Chapter 21)

Meeting 13: Meta-ethics (Chapter 22)

Meeting 14: Mid-Term

Meeting 15: Abortion (Thompson, "A Defense of Abortion")

Meeting 16: Abortion (Marquis, "Why Abortion is Immoral")

Meeting 17: The Morality of Eating Meat (Singer, "All Animals Are Equal")

Meeting 18: Economic Justice (Rawls)

Meeting 19: Economic Justice (Nozick)

Meeting 20: Economic Justice (Cohen)

Meeting 21: Mass Incarceration: 13th (film)

Meeting 22: Mass Incarceration (Alexander, "The New Jim Crow," chapter 2)

Meeting 23: Mass Incarceration (Alexander, "The New Jim Crow," chapter 3)

Meeting 24: Racism ("Racisms," Anthony Appiah)

Meeting 25: The Justification of Punishment

Meeting 26: "The Public and Private Morality of Climate Change"

Meeting 27: "The Morality of Euthanasia"

Meeting 28: Final Thoughts

Final Exam: The final exam and the mid-term exam are not yet scheduled.

Class Rules:

The use of cell phones or lap top computers is generally not permitted during class time. However, if you feel you have special reasons that require the use a lap top computer, contact me and explain why you need to do so.

The penalty for cheating (which includes plagiarism) will be failure for the course and possible other penalties. Presenting the work of others, or artificial intelligence, as if it were one's own is plagiarism.

Course learning outcomes:

After this course, students should be able to:

- (a) Explain the core content of some major moral theories.
- (b) Display a firm understanding of central ethical concepts and distinctions.
- (c) Apply the critical tools of philosophical analysis to effectively question prevailing social norms and moral ideas, and to critique existing moral theories and arguments.
- (d) Display a facility for independently grappling with urgent ethical issues in an organized, articulate and informed manner, including clearly presenting their own arguments for moral conclusions.
- (e) Engage in constructive debate about important moral issues with their peers.

Students should also show an increased ability to:

- (f) Distill the central argument of a text to its essentials, making clear its basic argumentative structure.
- (g) Interpret texts charitably in order to understand a view in its most cogent form before subjecting it to criticism.

Readings:

All readings will be made available through Blackboard.

You should complete each reading *before* class. This will make it easier for you to follow lectures, participate in discussions, and to draw your own conclusions about the material.

Many of the readings are difficult and require a lot of thought to digest properly. Do not expect to understand everything on a breezy first read. The readings are, in almost all cases, intended to not merely express the author's point of view, but rather to argue that you are rationally required to share their point of view. If you do not understand how the author aims to rationally require you to share their point of view, you have not yet understood the central aspect of the paper and have not understood what I will be testing your understanding of. You may have to return to the text several times to understand what it is saying. This will help you to hone your critical reading skills, and to develop the ability to clearly analyze the arguments in a text. The lectures and discussion sections will also help you to understand the readings better.

University Required Text:

As a pre-eminent and inclusive student-focused research institution, Syracuse University considers academic integrity at the forefront of learning, serving as a core value and guiding pillar of education. Syracuse University's Academic Integrity Policy provides students with the necessary guidelines to complete academic work with integrity throughout their studies. Students are required to uphold both course-specific and university-wide academic integrity expectations such as crediting your sources, doing your own work, communicating honestly, and supporting academic integrity. The full Syracuse University Academic Integrity Policy can be found by visiting class.syr.edu, selecting, "Academic Integrity," and "Expectations and Policy."

Upholding Academic Integrity includes the protection of faculty's intellectual property. Students should not upload, distribute, or share instructors' course materials, including presentations, assignments, exams, or other evaluative materials without permission. Using websites that charge fees or require uploading of course material (e.g., Chegg, Course Hero) to obtain exam solutions or assignments completed by others, which are then presented as your own violates academic integrity expectations in this course and may be classified as a Level 3 violation. All academic integrity expectations that apply to in-person assignments, quizzes, and exams also apply online.

Students found in violation of the policy are subject to grade sanctions determined by the course instructor and non-grade sanctions determined by the School or College where the course is offered. Students may not drop or withdraw from courses in which they face a suspected violation. Any established violation in this course may result in course failure regardless of violation level.

Option 2: Some Artificial intelligence use

Based on the specific learning outcomes and assignments in this course, artificial intelligence is permitted except during pop quizzes and exams. It may not be used during such quizzes and exams. See each assignment, quiz, or exam instructions for more information about what artificial intelligence tools are permitted and to what extent, as well as citation requirements. If no instructions are provided for a specific assignment, then no use of any artificial intelligence tool is permitted. Any AI use beyond that which is detailed in course assignments is explicitly prohibited except when documented permission is granted.

Academic Integrity Online

For courses that include online assessments (tests, quizzes, etc.), maintaining academic integrity can be a challenge. The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) and the Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS) have developed some useful [resources](#) to help faculty develop effective online assessments. Some faculty have had success using Zoom as a proctoring tool for timed examinations. University Counsel has determined that using Zoom or other webcam-based proctoring approaches is not a violation of student privacy rights. Please let students

know in advance if you plan to use any online proctoring methods. Instructors may wish to supplement the syllabus statement on academic integrity (above) with additional information on the conduct of online assessments. For example:

“All academic integrity expectations that apply to in-person quizzes and exams also apply to online quizzes and exams. In this course, all work submitted for quizzes and exams must be yours alone. Discussing quiz or exam questions with anyone during the quiz or exam period violates academic integrity expectations for this course.”

Instructors may also wish to include a statement warning students of the potential risks of using websites that charge fees or require uploading of course materials to obtain exam solutions or assignments completed by others. For example:

“Using websites that charge fees or require uploading of course material (e.g., Chegg, Course Hero) to obtain exam solutions or assignments completed by others and present the work as your own violates academic integrity expectations in this course and may be classified as a Level 3 violation, resulting in suspension or expulsion from Syracuse University.”

ATTENDANCE POLICY (including Absence Notification)

Attendance in classes is expected in all courses at Syracuse University. It is a federal requirement that faculty promptly notify the university of students who do not attend or cease to attend any class. Faculty will use Early-Semester Progress Reports and Mid-Semester Progress Reports in Orange SUccess to alert the Registrar and Financial Aid Office on non-attendance. For more information visit:

Faculty: [Information for Faculty: Non-attendance or Stopped Attending](#)

Students: [Information for Students: Non-attendance or Stopped Attending](#)

If a student is unable to participate in-person or virtually for an extended period of time (48 hours or more), the student may request an absence notification from their home school/college Dean's Office or through Student Outreach and Support office. Instructors will be notified via the “Absence Notification” flag in Orange SUccess.

Barnes Center at the Arch (Health, Counseling, etc.) staff will not provide medical excuse notes for students. When Barnes Center staff determine it is medically necessary to remove a student from classes, they will coordinate with Student Outreach and Support case management staff to provide appropriate notification to faculty through Orange Success. For absences lasting less than 48 hours, students are encouraged to discuss academic arrangements directly with their faculty.

Additional information may be found at [Student Outreach and Support: Absence Notifications](#).

BLACKBOARD LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Syracuse University recognizes the importance of teaching and the use of appropriate teaching materials to successful student learning. The Blackboard Learning Management System is a key instructional technology tool that enables Syracuse University instructors to engage in transformative teaching and learning, both for face-to-face and online courses. All students, faculty, and staff at Syracuse University can access Blackboard using their University NetID. Course access is granted through an integrated data feed with the MySlice student information system. This integration automatically generates course sites and enrollments for all officially recognized courses each semester. Student access to Blackboard class page is activated when the instructor makes the course “available.”

Information Technology Services ensures the optimal performance of the Blackboard system by overseeing system access, account creations, system operations, user training and technical support.

Beginning in Fall 2024, all course sites in Blackboard will be in the Ultra Course View.

As an instructor, information about Blackboard is available on [Answers Blackboard](#); alternatively, you can contact Information Technology Services’ Online Learning Services support staff by sending an email to help@syr.edu or by calling 315.443.2677.

Accessible Blackboard Content

Syracuse University is using Blackboard Ally, a tool to help enhance the usability and accessibility of course documents in the Blackboard learning management system. Ally provides students with multiple accessible formats of the original document to select those that fit their unique needs. Currently, Ally offers accessible versions of Portable Document Format (PDF) files, Microsoft Office files (Word and PowerPoint), images and uploaded HTML files. Students will see a clickable “A,” which pops up in a window, and they can select one or more accessible alternative documents to download and use.

Additional information on the Blackboard Ally tool is available on [Answers Blackboard Ally](#); alternatively, you can contact Information Technology Services by sending email to help@syr.edu or calling 315.443.2677.

Creating Course Materials

Syracuse University has a university license for [PlayPosit](#), a tool for adding rich content and dynamic interactions to videos. It is currently configured for use through Blackboard for instructors to overlay video content hosted on Kaltura, YouTube, and Vimeo. It includes a variety of tools for understanding viewer engagement and assessing viewer learning.

Additional information about PlayPosit is available on [Answers – Teaching and Learning](#). Alternatively, you can contact Information Technology Services by emailing help@syr.edu or calling 315.443.2677.

Captioning Online Synchronous and Asynchronous Content

Syracuse University offers both [Zoom](#) for online synchronous course meetings, whether from a University facility or off-campus location. Web-conferencing services enable students to log in from their Blackboard course and offer the option to have live-captioning functionality as required by the Center for Disability Resources.

Syracuse University recently adopted [Kaltura, which also is integrated with Blackboard](#), for video creation and hosting in support of teaching and learning. Both Zoom and Kaltura services include post-recording automatic speech recognition captioning for content, which helps to improve comprehension and allows the individual to remediate text errors before making the prerecorded content available. Also, the automatic captioning in Kaltura will make it possible to ask all students to add and then remediate the captions of their videos. A captioned video could be a requirement of their video submissions.

Additional information about Zoom and Kaltura is available on [Answers – Teaching and Learning](#). Alternatively, you can contact Information Technology Services by emailing help@syr.edu or by calling 315.443.2677.

DISABILITY SYLLABUS STATEMENT

Syracuse University values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. There may be aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion and full participation in this course. I invite any student to contact me to discuss strategies and/or accommodations (academic adjustments) that may be essential to your success and to collaborate with the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) in this process.

If you would like to discuss disability-accommodations or register with CDR, please visit [Center for Disability Resources](#). Please call (315) 443-4498 or email disabilityresources@syr.edu for more detailed information.

The CDR is responsible for coordinating disability-related academic accommodations and will work with the student to develop an access plan. Since academic accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact CDR as soon as possible to begin this process.

Furniture may be placed in your classrooms for specific use by students with disabilities. This furniture is generally labelled with signs that request that it is not to be moved per the Center for Disability Resources. Students with disabilities rely on this furniture to remain where it is placed within the classrooms.

Note that some students may be accompanied to classes by a service animal. *Students are not required to provide prior notice of this to the University.* If it is not readily apparent that the student is disabled, students can be asked two questions, do you have this animal due to a disability and what tasks does it perform for you? Emotional Support Animals are different than services animals and are typically only approved to reside in a student's housing location/room.

DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT

The University does not discriminate and prohibits harassment or discrimination related to any protected category including creed, ethnicity, citizenship, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, gender, pregnancy, disability, marital status, age, race, color, veteran status, military status, religion, sexual orientation, domestic violence status, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression or perceived gender.

Any complaint of discrimination or harassment related to any of these protected bases should be reported to Sheila Johnson-Willis, the University's Chief Equal Opportunity & Title IX Officer. She is responsible for coordinating compliance efforts under various laws including Titles VI, VII, IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. She can be contacted at Equal Opportunity, Inclusion, and Resolution Services, 005 Steele Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1120; by email: titleix@syr.edu; or by telephone: 315-443-0211.

Faculty who wish to include general language about discrimination or harassment in their syllabi may include the two preceding paragraphs. Faculty who wish to include language specific to sexual violence or harassment may include the following statement on their syllabi:

Federal and state law, and University policy prohibit discrimination and harassment based on sex or gender (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and retaliation). If a student has been harassed or assaulted, they can obtain confidential counseling support, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, from the Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team at the Counseling Center (315-443-8000, Barnes Center at The Arch, 150 Sims Drive, Syracuse, New York 13244). Incidents of sexual violence or harassment can be reported non-confidentially to the University's Title IX Officer (Sheila

Johnson Willis, 315-443-0211, titleix@syr.edu, 005 Steele Hall). Reports to law enforcement can be made to the University's Department of Public Safety (315-443-2224, 005 Sims Hall), the Syracuse Police Department (511 South State Street, Syracuse, New York, 911 in case of emergency or 315-435-3016 to speak with the Abused Persons Unit), or the State Police (844-845-7269). I will seek to keep information you share with me private to the greatest extent possible, but as a professor I have mandatory reporting responsibilities to share information regarding sexual misconduct, harassment, and crimes I learn about with the University's Title IX Officer to help make our campus a safer place for all.

EMAIL POLICY

Syracuse University has established email as a primary vehicle for official communication with students, faculty, and staff. Emergency notifications, educational dialog, research, and general business correspondence are all consistently enhanced in institutions of higher learning where email policies exist and are supported by procedures, practice, and culture.

An official email address is established and assigned by Information Technology Services (ITS) for each registered student, as well as for all active faculty and staff members. All University communications sent via email will be sent to this address. Faculty and staff members must use the officially established University email address to communicate with students registered in their classes. Keep in mind that student records sent to a non-syr.edu email address may create a FERPA violation (See the complete policy at [Syracuse University Email Policy](#)).

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) sets forth requirements regarding the privacy of student records. FERPA governs both the access to and release of those records, known as education records, and the information they contain. Under FERPA, faculty have a legal responsibility to protect the confidentiality of student records. For additional information about FERPA and Syracuse University's FERPA policy, see [Compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#) or contact the Office of the Registrar (315.443.2422).

In recent years it has become increasingly common for parents and other family members to contact faculty directly with questions about a student's academic performance. If this happens, you are encouraged to consult your department chair or senior associate dean for guidance. Even seemingly innocuous statements about matters such as class attendance or participation can constitute FERPA violations. Students may file FERPA waiver forms, which allow university personnel to discuss their academic records and performance with specified individuals.

FAITH TRADITION OBSERVANCES

Syracuse University does not set aside days for any religious holiday. **Students must notify instructors of any religious observances by the academic drop deadline.** For any observances occurring before the academic drop deadline, students must notify faculty at least two academic days in advance. Please remind students in class of their obligations to do so. Students register their observances using MySlice. Suggested syllabus language:

Syracuse University's Religious Observances Policy recognizes the diversity of faiths represented in the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holy days according to their traditions. Under the policy, students are given an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance, provided they notify their instructors no later than the academic drop deadline. For observances occurring before the drop deadline, notification is required at least two academic days in advance. Students may enter their observances in MySlice under Student Services/Enrollment/My Religious Observances/Add a Notification.

Please remind students during the first week of classes about the notification deadline. Instructors may access a list of their students who have submitted a notification in the MySlice Faculty Center. Note that the religious observances icon will not appear unless a student in that class has submitted a notification.

HEALTH & WELLNESS CONSIDERATIONS

Mental health and overall well-being are significant predictors of academic success. As such it is essential that during your college experience you develop the skills and resources effectively to navigate stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns. Please familiarize yourself with the range of resources the Barnes Center provides (<https://ese.syr.edu/bewell/>) and seek out support for mental health concerns as needed. Counseling services are available 24/7, 365 days, at 315-443-8000.

With COVID-19 still circulating, students and instructors may choose to wear masks in class and other meetings and events. If no specific campus-wide masking requirements are in place, instructors may neither require nor prohibit mask-wearing in class. They may, however, require visitors to their offices to wear masks if they choose.

ORANGE ALERT

ORANGE ALERT, Syracuse University's crisis notification system, uses text messages, phone, and email alerts to provide rapid notification and instructions to members of the University community in the event of a crisis in progress. Crises could include an individual who is considered armed and dangerous, a hazardous materials incident, an explosion, or any other event in which there is an immediate threat of physical harm or death to campus community members. We recognize that faculty may consider activated cell phones as an interruption to their class. However, the

Department of Public Safety recommends that faculty members leave their own cell phones on vibrate in order to receive text messages about a potential emergency situation. It is also recommended that faculty designate several class members to leave their cell phones on vibrate in order to receive notifications in the event of a critical incident. ORANGE ALERT contact information for students, faculty, and staff is drawn from the MySlice online information system; please keep your contact information current.

In the event of an emergency, please use one of the following numbers to reach us:

From any phone: 315.443.2224

From your cell phone: #78 (#SU)

Campus landline: 711

For more information on ORANGE ALERT, including how to update your contact information, visit the [DPS website](#)

POLICY ON FACULTY USE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC WORK

If you plan to use students' submitted work for educational purposes (for example, in a later class or a subsequent semester), University policy requires that you notify students in your syllabus (Academic Rules, Student Academic Work). The Senate Committee on Curricula suggests the following language:

If you intend to use student work for educational purposes during the current semester:

Educational use of student work: I intend to use academic work that you complete this semester for educational purposes in this course during this semester. Your registration and continued enrollment constitute your permission.

If you intend to use student work for educational purposes in subsequent semesters:

Educational use of student work: I intend to use academic work that you complete this semester in subsequent semesters for educational purposes. Before using your work for that purpose, I will either get your written permission or render the work anonymous by removing identifying material.

If you are teaching a course in which students will complete a capstone project required for the degree:

As a generally accepted practice, honors theses, graduate theses, graduate research projects, dissertations, or other capstone projects submitted in partial fulfillment of degree requirements are placed in the library, University Archives, or department for public reference.

READING DAY and FINAL EXAM POLICIES

Reading days are designed to allow students the maximum opportunity to prepare for final examinations. Neither exams nor required class meetings may be scheduled on any reading day. The exam schedule is designed to reduce scheduling conflicts, to provide adequate study time during reading days, and to comply with the New York State instructional contact hours requirements. Exam times appear at [Office of the Registrar: Final Exams Schedule](#) and are available in MySlice/Faculty Center/My Exam Schedule. Early in the semester, you may wish to remind your students to check their own exam schedules in MySlice to detect any conflicts in time to resolve them.

Our academic rules and regulations prohibit the administration of final exams on the last week of classes. While this prohibition specifically pertains to cumulative final exams, we ask faculty to avoid administering any exams in the last week of classes if at all possible. To provide students with the best opportunity for success, faculty are encouraged to use the final exam period assigned to their course for late-semester exams. If a faculty member is planning to administer both a cumulative final exam and a non-cumulative exam at the end of the semester, then it is acceptable to offer the non-cumulative exam in the last week of the semester and the cumulative final exam in the final exam period.

Please note the final exam time for your course and your planned use of the session in your syllabus. Requests for examination day/time changes are possible in extraordinary circumstances: please submit first through your chair and/or dean, the Registrar, and Office of the Provost for approval. Exceptional reasons do not include faculty or student preferences (even if there is concurrence for an earlier exam), nor as an accommodation for faculty or student travel.

REGISTRATION POLICY

Students may not attend, submit work, audit, or otherwise participate in courses without being officially enrolled. Instructors may not allow students to attend classes or submit work unless they appear on the official class list or are attending with instructor approval for the purpose of making up an Incomplete (I) grade in a prior term. Check your class roster regularly to ensure that everyone attending is registered for the class. Read the full policy in the Academic Rules section of the [Undergraduate Course Catalog](#).

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS and MATERIALS

The federal Higher Education Act of 1965 requires that the University provide information about required textbooks and materials to the college bookstore in a timely manner. At Syracuse University, faculty members directly inform the bookstore of their textbook and material

requirements in time for students to obtain them prior to the beginning of the semester. Each semester the bookstore sends an information request to faculty members who are teaching in the subsequent semester. Please respond to this request in a timely manner and include in your syllabus the pertinent information (such as the ISBN) about required textbooks and materials.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Orange SUccess is the platform used to help students succeed by providing timely feedback on academic progress. Timely feedback from faculty members can also enhance advisor efforts. Several opportunities will be provided to offer feedback to students:

- **Early-semester progress reports (ESPR's):** Syracuse University tracks student "Non-Attendance" through Orange SUccess to comply with Title IV regulations. Faculty are expected to indicate students who "Never Attended" a class by the third week of the fall semester. Both the Registrar's Office and the Financial Aid office are notified of the alerts. This allows students to make behavior changes before they fall too far behind. Note that the system provides immediate email notifications to students.
 - **Fall 2024 – The ESPR reporting period is Monday, September 9 through Friday, September 13.**
 - **Spring 2025 – The ESPR reporting period is Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31.**
- **Mid-semester progress reports (MSPRs):** Provides an opportunity for early warnings about students' academic progress and success. When you complete your MSPR report, it helps advisors and other student support staff to understand which students may be struggling. MSPRs deployed through Orange SUccess will follow the academic calendar dates. Faculty are expected to provide feedback for all students in their classes. Note that the system provides immediate email notifications to students.
 - **Fall 2024 – MSPR reporting period is Thursday, October 17 through Thursday, October 24.**
 - **Spring 2025– MSPR reporting period is Thursday, March 4 through Tuesday, March 18.**

At any time during the semester, faculty may provide real-time feedback to students by raising early alerts in Orange SUccess. As mentioned above, this system provides immediate email notifications to students of alerts. Advisors can review attendance and progress indicators during advising meetings.

TRIGGER WARNING

Because of the nature of the topics covered in this class, the course readings or class discussions may generate intellectual and emotional discomfort. These responses are natural parts of intellectual growth. If, however, your emotional response becomes acute psychological distress (triggering), please communicate with me. I invite you to contact me if you have concerns in this regard.