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**Business Ethics**  
Summer, 2013  
May 6-17

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**Course requirements**
1. Class participation: 1 20%  
   a) Contribution to class discussion  
   b) Group project  
2. Final exam  
   Friday, May 17th  
   a) 1:00-3:00, The foundation of Business Ethics: 45%  
      Answer for each philosopher the following questions:  
      i.) What is the source of moral obligation?  
      ii.) How are ethical decisions made?  
      iii.) What is justice?  
      iv.) What is the source of moral obligation?  
   b) 3:15-4:45 The practice of Business Ethics: 35%  
      i) Analyze the three photocopied cases from *Case Studies in Business, Society, and Ethics* from the perspective of Aristotle, Aquinas, Hobbes, Kant and Mill.  
      ii.) Two of the cases will have discussed in class.

**Schedule**  
Monday, May 6  
Syllabus  
Small group meeting  
Aristotle  
Tuesday, May 7  
Aquinas  
Hobbes  
Wednesday, May 8  
Kant  
Thursday, May 9  
Mill  
Friday, May 10  
*Case Studies in Business, Society, and Ethics, Chapter 1*  
Monday, May 13  
Group project: subprime crisis--borrowers  
*Case Studies, Chapter 2*

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1 Three or more unexcused absences will result in an “F” for the course. Leaving before the class is finished will result in an unexcused absence. Texting, surfing the net, and unconsciousness will result in an unexcused absence.
Tuesday, May 14
  Group project: subprime crisis--lenders
  *Case Studies*, Chapter 3

Wednesday, May 15
  Group project: subprime crisis—government
  *Case Studies*, Chapter 4

Thursday, May 16
  Group project: debt and future generations
  *Case Studies*, Chapter 5

Friday, May 17
  Final exam