

Ethics Bowl ABCS PHL 0902 Fall 2023

Course Description

In this course, teams of undergraduate students, will coach teams of high school students for participation in the Philadelphia Regional Competition of the High School Ethics Bowl, an annual competitive yet collaborative event in which teams analyze and discuss complex ethical dilemmas using case studies. Cases for the 2023-24 Ethics Bowl will likely be released in mid-September, and these will serve as a foundational starting point for the undergraduate students' investigations into ethical theory and the study of the ethics bowl itself. The course will also cover strategies for teaching and facilitating discussions, as well as topics in the philosophy of teaching and pedagogy. Working from this material, Penn students will collaboratively develop the capacities to provide coaching and mentorship to the teams of high school students from schools in West Philadelphia and across the city. Undergraduates will travel to these schools as part of the course, and there may be one or two Saturday sessions when all high schools convene on Penn's campus for practice scrimmages. This course will engage a number of Philadelphia School District schools and students in the ethics bowl, and it will provide Penn students with the opportunity to develop their teaching and communication skills, build collaborative relationships with community schools, and solidify their knowledge of ethical theory through coaching.

In addition to class time, this course requires traveling to and from local schools and spending about 1 hour at the school working with students every week.

This course requires a permit for registration pending a brief interview with the instructor. Prior experience with the ethics bowl or with philosophy is not required.