

# ELPS-455: Ethics in Decision Making

Ethical decision making is essential for values-based leadership. Most decisions have ethical implications, but discerning the ethical dimension requires skill and an understanding of how ethical issues are shaped and informed by ethical theory. In this class students encounter theories from the field of ethics such as utilitarian, deontological, social contract, communitarian, and natural law. Students also interact with major philosophical concepts such as principles of nonmaleficence; beneficence; justice and respect for persons; and virtues of care, compassion, integrity and courage.

**Credits:** 3

**Program:** Educ. Leadership & Policy