

Classes will be conducted mainly in the form of exploratory discussions: The professor will begin each session's discussion, trying to present ideas that will stimulate others to join in the proceedings. Largely, course grades will be based on written work. But, class contribution will also be a determinant or, in place of that, discussion in the professor's office sessions.

On this last point, it is hoped that everyone will use certain websites, repeatedly, toward find out how we can be most helpful to beings most in need, including these following websites, most of which are portals for several other websites:

<http://www.givewell.org/> Keep up to date by reading the GiveWell blog.

<http://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/> Explore a terrific dashboard of NGOs.

<https://www.centreforeffectivealtruism.org/> This in includes givingwhatwecan.org and more.

Here is the plan for the first 8 weeks of the course, or maybe just 7 or maybe as much as 9. The professor will try to be as flexible as will be most beneficial to most taking the course.

Week 1 *Living High and Letting Die* (or LHL D), Peter Unger, Oxford University Press, 1996,
Chapter 1

Week 2 LHL D, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3

Week 3 "Should the Numbers Count?" John Taurek, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 6,
No. 4. (Summer, 1977), pp. 293-316. JSTOR

"Innumerate Ethics" Derek Parfit, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 7, No. 4.
(Summer, 1978), pp. 285-301. JSTOR

Week 4 "The Trolley Problem" Judith Thomson, *The Yale Law Journal*, Vol. 94, No. 6
(April, 1985): 1395-1415. JSTOR

Living High and Letting Die Chapter 4

"When killing the heavy man seems right: Making people utilitarian by simply adding
options to moral dilemmas" Alex Wiegmann and Karina Meyer, pdf to be supplied.

Week 5 "The Survival Lottery" John Harris, *Philosophy*, Vol. 50, No. 191 (January, 1975),
pages 81-87. JSTOR

Living High and Letting Die Chapter 5

Week 6 "The Demands of Beneficence" Liam Murphy, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol.
22, No. 4. (Autumn, 1993), pp. 267-292. JSTOR

"Rescue" from Liam Murphy, *Moral Demands in Nonideal Theory*, Oxford
University Press, 2003 - pdf to be distributed.

Week 7 *Living High and Letting Die*, Chapter 6

“Turning the Trolley” Judith Jarvis Thomson, *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 36, No.

Fall 2008), pp. 359-374. JSTOR

“What Do We Owe to Distant Needy Strangers?” Richard J. Arneson, in Jeffrey A. Schaler, ed., *Peter Singer Under Fire: The Moral Iconoclast Faces His Critics*, Open Court, 2009, pp. 267-293 - pdf to be distributed.

Week 8 For furthering understanding of the first 6 chapters of *Living High and Letting Die*, read:

Book Symposium on *Living High and Letting Die*

“Précis of Living High and Letting Die” Peter Unger, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 59, No. 1. (Mar., 1999), pp. 173-175. JSTOR

“Sacrificing for the Good of Strangers-Repeatedly” Brad Hooker, *PPR* 177-181. JSTOR

“Living High and Letting Die” Peter Singer, *PPR* 183-187. JSTOR

“Take and Give” Thomas W. Pogge, *PPR* 189-193. JSTOR

“Comments on Living High and Letting Die” Fred Feldman, *PPR* 195-201. JSTOR

“Replies” Peter Unger, *PPR* 203-216. JSTOR

Two Reviews of *Living High and Letting Die*

“Living High and Letting Die: Our Illusion of Innocence” F. M. Kamm, *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. 108, No. 2. (Apr., 1999), pp. 300-305. JSTOR

“Illusory Innocence?” David Lewis - pdf to be distributed