

**MA Ethics Seminar
Spring Semester 2000
Course Outline**

Week 1: Introductory

Weeks 2 and 3: Hobbes and egoism.

Primary reading: Hobbes, Leviathan (Hackett edition is best, Cambridge UP acceptable) and De Homine (in Man and Citizen, Hackett): Williams, Morality (Cambridge UP), first four chapters.

Weeks 4 and 6: Mill and utilitarianism

Primary reading: J. S. Mill, Utilitarianism and On Liberty, many editions (the World's Classics one edited by John Gray (OUP) is cheap and serviceable).

Weeks 6 and 7: Subjectivism and relativism

Primary reading: Gilbert Harman and Judith Jarvis Thomson, Moral Relativism and Moral Objectivity (Blackwell 1997).

Week 8: Truth in ethics

Primary reading: Truth in Ethics, ed. Brad Hooker (Blackwell 1998).

Weeks 9 and 10: Moral motivation

Primary reading: Jonathan Dancy, Moral Reasons (Blackwell 1993),