**Course: PHIL 102 Introduction to Ethics**

This course introduces students to the study of ethics and its application to problems in everyday life, society, the workplace, and the broader world. The course examines the principal moral theories and ethical systems that have shaped our personal values and behavior. Students will identify and evaluate consequentialist (egoism, utilitarianism) and non-consequentialist (divine command, Kant’s duty ethics, virtue ethics) ethical systems. Students will also examine the underlying metaethical viewpoints of absolutism, relativism, determinism, indeterminism, cultural determinism, and cultural relativism. Knowledge of these systems and the development of a philosophical perspective on “morality” will enable students to engage in positive discussion of globally important issues such as economic justice, war, and reproductive rights.

This course has both a lecture (instructor) and an interactive component (class). Students are required to be present for discussion and presentation of assigned questions and cases. Students will be prepared to present effective ethical decision making arguments in written and oral forms.

**Bio**

I am currently Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington Campus. I started teaching here as an Adjunct Instructor in 2000 to teach the new Introduction to Philosophy course and was subsequently asked to teach the introduction to American Government course. In response to the increase in both enrollment and demand for Humanities electives, I then developed the first course in Ethics to be taught in the Ivy Tech College system.
Before coming to Ivy Tech I took time out from academia to raise a family and to also care for members of my family abroad. I am a native of Slovenia (Istria region). Fortunately my training and skills in the History and Philosophy of Science enabled me to work independently from home as an applied historian, a textbook writer, and instructional designer. I have worked for the IU Medical Science Program, AIT Textbook and Curriculum development, and for PBS.

In 1978 I moved to Bloomington with my husband and was accepted into the doctoral program in the History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University. My interdisciplinary research into the development of modern cell biology was supported in part by the National Science Foundation and the German Government. Although I did not finish my dissertation, I published the results of my research in scholarly journals and scholarly reference works.

I have a BA (1970) and MA (1971) in Political Science (focus political philosophy; minor philosophy) from Purdue University. I continued post-graduate study in Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Modern History in Germany and at the University of North Carolina.