

ETHICS BEYOND BUZZ

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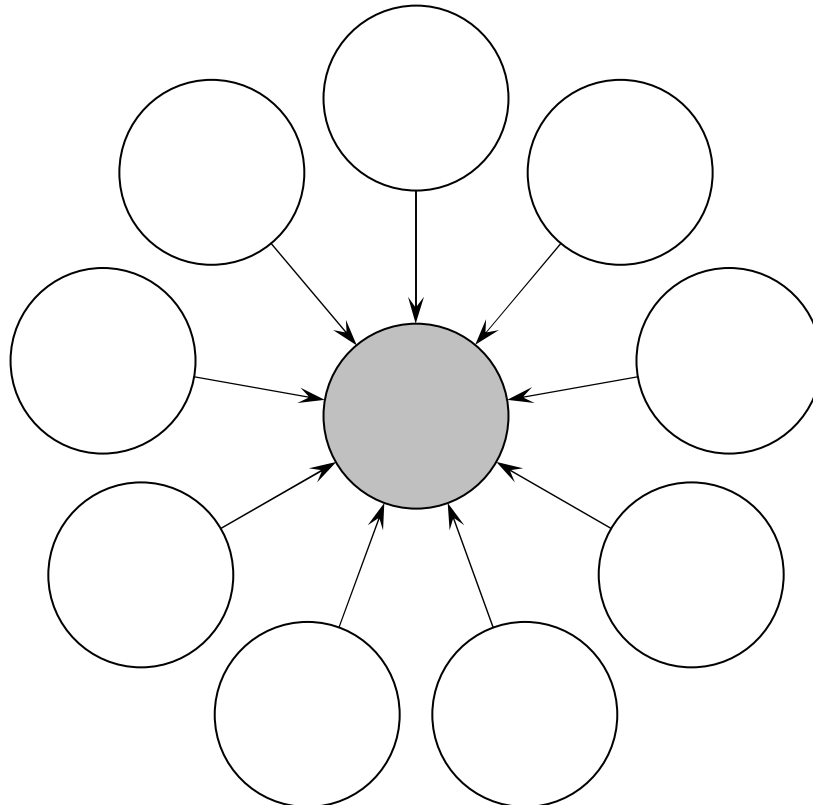
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There is more to ethics than a simple code of behavior. Over the past 2000 years, philosophers and researchers have provided a variety guidelines for making values-driven decisions. Multiple rules are present in a given situation, and they all compete for prominence as students wrestle with what to do. Over time, these dilemmas help students experiment, discover and develop their own unique moral code.

As you learn each rule, write it in one of the circles below. On the following page, rediscover the reality of ethical conflict by identifying the rules involved in each scenario. Identify a situation you would like to address on campus and exchange advice with a colleague. Finally, take some time to consider the implications of this model on other areas of your work. Use this framework to get insight on how students are experiencing ethical conflict, to guide them through their decision and to drive moral development.





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Pop Quiz!

Check the box(es) under each rule that comes into play in the scenario.

	Virtue	Duty	Happy	Care	Rule	Self	Norm	Quality	Gut
A student feels compelled to promise a bid to a potential member.									
Members raised \$500 in cash for a philanthropy. Only one student knows how much was collected.									
Chapters remove members from the roster because they know they will not make grades.									
A sober sister at a party is offered a shot when no one is looking.									
Members are all expected to vote for an certain candidate, even though that person is not the most qualified.									

Scenario Consultation

Identify a situation you would like to address and get advice from a colleague. Remember to return the favor!

<u>My Scenario</u>	<u>My Partner's Scenario</u>
<u>My Partner's Suggestion</u>	<u>My Suggestion</u>



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Additional Scenarios

A chapter has committed a recruitment infraction. The recruitment counselor from that chapter must decide whether or not to turn in his brothers / her sisters.

A student arrives early to a meeting with their professor and sees a copy of the upcoming test on their desk. The professor has not yet arrived.

In a chapter meeting, a member says 'that's gay' when arguing about an event. Another member feels comfortable confronting their family and close friends about this sentiment, but they don't know this brother/sister very well.

There is an open position on the executive board. The board could appoint a member to the vacant seat, or open up the position for election by the chapter.

A council officer continues to perpetuate the stereotypes of other chapters while among their own chapter.

A member has fallen victim to the latest in a series of escalating practical jokes within the chapter.

A student expects not make grades at the end of the semester. They are running for office anyway.

Resources

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One-on-One

How do we apply this model while guiding individual students through their dilemmas?

**Please be thorough and write legibly. Your answers will be documented and distributed to other participants.*



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In Meetings

How do we apply this model in meetings or in helping a group work through its dilemma?

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Through Programming

How do we apply this model when deciding our education and training efforts?

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As Strategy

How do we apply this model to our overall strategies as professionals and departments?

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