PHIL 5010: AI Ethics

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Sequence: W/F 11:45-1:25pm

Discusses artificial intelligence and the host of ethical issues it raises: decisions turned over to machine-learning algorithms can be opaque and unfair; autonomous vehicles promise to increase safety but raise challenges for assigning responsibility for accidents; diffusion of AI is likely to transform the labor market in unpredictable ways; and the data that powers machine-learning algorithms raise questions about privacy and security. In order to realize the benefits of AI while responsibly developing and implementing it, it is necessary to identify the ethical issues at stake and work to resolve them. This course takes up the philosophical and ethical questions essential to this project.

This course can satisfy one of the major/ minor requirements:

**Philosophy Major** elective
**Philosophy Minor** elective
**Ethics Minor** elective
**Information Ethics Minor** elective

• This course can also count towards the
  **Information Ethics Graduate Certificate**