

### Procedural Stuff

#### To pass the class:

- Come to lecture. Do the reading beforehand.
- Do *all* of the writing assignments.
- Come to section. Attendance and participation matter.
  - Absence policy: If you miss section, email me! I'll harass you if you don't.
  - Miss more than once and you'll have to make it up (probably by writing a short response; we'll work it out as it comes up.)
- Your section grade is 25% of the final.
  - 5% will be a short (5 mins, max) presentation in section.
    - You will have the questions beforehand.
    - At the beginning of section everyone will have time to think/review.
    - Then I'll call on someone to present.
  - 5% will be a writing workshop, which we will hold before the first paper is due. If you participate, you will automatically get the 5%.
  - The other 15% will depend on attendance and participation.

#### To do well and enjoy the class:

- Come to section ready to discuss the readings.
  - Come see me if you're confused or need help.
  - Start your papers early! I am always happy to meet with you to discuss drafts.
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## Utilitarianism

### 1. State Bentham's Principle of Utility:

### 2. Four important aspects of Utilitarianism:

Consequentialism

Hedonism

Impartiality

Sum-maximization

### 3. How would a Utilitarian explain why...

-You should help a little old lady across the street, even if it makes you late for class?

-You shouldn't kick puppies, even if it's fun?

-You should kick puppies, if it's *really* fun?

### 3. Rights: distinguish between the legal sense and the moral sense.

Examples of moral rights:

Examples of legal rights:

### 4. What does Utilitarianism say about rights?

A. Moral rights – *do* they exist?

B. Legal rights – when *should* they exist?

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