Nebraska Wesleyan University

PHIL 2070 AI Ethics

Catalog

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Course Description

This course critically examines ethical considerations surrounding the development and deployment of artificial intelligence now and in the future. Students will explore fundamental philosophical ethical theories such as Utilitarianism, Deontology, and Virtue Ethics which will shape concepts such as fairness, transparency, and accountability. Through a combination of discussions, case studies presentations, and practical applications, students will critically assess issues like algorithmic bias, privacy, moral responsibility, the use of autonomous vehicles, and weapons, and the implications of automation on employment. The course aims to equip students with the analytical skills necessary to navigate the ethical dilemmas faced by AI practitioners and to foster a responsible approach to the advancement of technology in society.

Course Hours

3 hours

Departments

1. Philosophy and Religion