

Course title: PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 4

Semester: spring

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

Branch of science: Humanities

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

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Type of classes: classes and lectures

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Substantive content

CLASSES:

1. Introduced to the subject and the organization of classes.
2. Basic problems and concepts of ethics: Ethics and morality and law.
3. Philosophical basis of ethics: Deontology, Ethics of virtues, Ethics of compassion, Ethics of Conscience,
4. Codes of ethics.
5. Professional Responsibility, boundaries of professional solidarity.
6. Good manners in legal practice.

LECTURES: „Professional ethics’ addresses questions in the context of our profession and seeks to determine which actions or options in professional practice are obligatory, which permissible, and which impermissible.

Learning purpose: This course is designed to introduce you to the basic principles of professionalism and professional behavior with particular emphasis on ethical and moral principles in professional practice. By the end of the course you should be familiar with the major ethical theories and be able to apply these theories to ethical issues. You should know the basic definitions and the division into academic professionalism, professional and social development.

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On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: A student knows most important theories and figures of moral philosophy. He/she also knows crucial terms and questions of ethics and how they have been treated.

Skills: A student knows how to analyze ethical questions from various ethical standpoints. He/she also knows how to do so in a critical way and how to construct sound arguments about what is right and wrong, good and evil.

Social Competencies: A student is supposed to acquire a deeper understanding of respect towards others, moral sensitivity and empathy as well as a better comprehension of egoism/altruism and subjectivism/objectivism distinction in social life.

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Basic literature

1. Peter Singer, *A Companion to Ethics* (Blackwell Companions to Philosophy) 1993
2. Harry J Gensler, *Ethics* (Routledge Contemporary Introductions to Philosophy, 2017)



Supplementary literature: Kuhse, Helen, and Peter Singer, eds. *A Companion to Bioethics*. Oxford, UK; Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1998

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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30 h

Student's independent work: 70h including: preparation to classes, preparation of presentation and final essay.