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Basic Information:

Course Title: AN INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS AND ETHICAL TERMINOLOGY IN ENGLISH

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Total Teaching Hours: 30

Annotation (up to 150 words)

This course provides an in-depth introduction to key ethical theories and terminology in English, equipping PhD students and researchers with the foundational concepts and language necessary for engaging in ethical discussions across multiple disciplines within and outside of philosophy. It explores major ethical theories, principles, and frameworks, with a focus on their application in academic and professional contexts. Through readings, discussions, and case studies in English, students will develop the ability to analyze ethical dilemmas, articulate ethical arguments clearly, and navigate ethical considerations in research and practice in an international environment. The course can be taught in Bulgarian or in English, depending on the participants.

Course content (brief description by topics or modules)

Topic / Module 1: Deontology

Topic / Module 2: Utilitarianism

Topic / Module 3: Virtue ethics

Teaching and assessment methods

The course consists of 30 hours of lectures and seminars followed by a final test.

Competencies acquired as a result of training (3–5 points)

- ethical analysis;
- formulating an ethical argument;
- becoming familiar with the main ethical theories in philosophy;
- knowledge of ethical theories' application to academic, professional and real life contexts.

Literature:

Required reading

Rachels, J., & Rachels, S. (2019). *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*. 9th ed. McGraw Hill.

Singer, P. (Ed.). (1993). *A Companion to Ethics*. Blackwell Publishers.

Supplementary reading

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Selected entries on ethics, moral reasoning, and ethical theories.

<https://iep.utm.edu/>



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Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Selected entries on ethical theory, moral responsibility, consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/>

Additional information (optional) (e.g., special requirements, laboratory equipment, prior knowledge)

There are no specific prerequisites for this course. However, participants are expected to have a basic working knowledge of spoken and written English to engage effectively with the course materials and activities.