

<b>Course</b>	<b>Ethics and Public Policy</b>			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	Mandatory	1	5	
<b>Course lecturer</b>	Prof. As. Dr.			
<b>Course assistant</b>	n.a			
<b>Course goals and objectives</b>	<p>This advanced course on ethics and public policy tackles the connections and interaction between personal and social values, beliefs and norms, on the one hand, and politics and public policy, on the other. Of particular focus in these course will be to examine the impact that values, norms and beliefs have on politics/public policies and how these values affect the implementation and evaluation of public policies. Also, the course deals with the different choices that policy makers make based on the social values that prevail in different countries. Additionally, this course addresses various morally based approaches to evaluating political phenomena and events.</p> <p>Some of the key questions that the course provides explanations for include: what impact does morality have on politics and public policy? How does utilitarianism differ from libertarianism in evaluating public policies? What is more important from an ethical point of view: the rules or the results of a policy? What does a just policy mean? How does the concept of the "common good" affect our moral views? To what extent can we judge the merits of an action/decision based on the virtues of the people who make those decisions/actions? Does culture, and how, help us in our understanding of the role of morality in politics/policy-making?</p> <p>All of these will be addressed using examples/scenarios that help students more easily understand the impact that morality has on politics and public policy.</p>			
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and understand the prevailing morally based perspectives to evaluate actions in politics and public policies,</li> <li>• Critically evaluate these perspectives and recognize their theoretical and practical shortcomings,</li> <li>• Apply ethical perspectives to current issues and decision-making situations in a range of different areas of public policy issues.</li> </ul>			
<b>Course content</b>	<b>Weekly Plan</b>			<b>Week</b>
	<b>Introduction to Ethics, Politics and Public Policy, Course Objectives and Requirements</b> <sup>1</sup>			
	<b>Utilitarianism: the importance of outcomes</b>			2
	<b>Libertarianism: the importance of individual liberties</b>			3

	<b>Rights and obligations: the importance of motive</b>			4
	<b>The concept of justice</b>			5
	<b>Presentations</b>			6
	<b>The common good</b>			7
	<b>Morality and policy-makers</b>			8
	<b>Presentations</b>			9
	<b>Universalism</b>			10
	<b>Cultural relativism</b>			11
	<b>Exam prep</b>			12
	<b>Final Exam</b>			13
<b>Teaching methods</b>	<b>Activity</b>			<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Lectures			50%
	2. Discussions			30%
	3. Case studies			10%
	4. Simulations			10%
<b>Means of evaluation</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Wight (%)</b>
	1. Active class participation	1	1-12	10%
	2. Presentation	1	6-9	20%
	3. Position paper	1	7	30%
	4. Exam	15	1-15	40%
<b>Sources and means</b>	<b>Means</b>			<b>Number</b>
	1. Class (e.g)			1
	2. Laborator (e.g)			n/a
	3. Moodle			1
	4. Softuer MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK			n/a
	5. Projector			1
<b>Course load and activities</b>	<b>Type of activity</b>		<b>Weekly hours</b>	<b>Total workload</b>
	1. Lectures		2	30
	2. Presentation		0.5	5
	3. Discussions		0.5	7
	4. Policy memo		n.a	21
	5. Independent learning		2-3	75
	6. Exam		1	2
<b>Course material: Books</b>	1. Sandel, M.J. (2009) <i>Justice: What's the right thing to do?</i> New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.			
	2. *Archie, L. & Archie, J. G. (2003) Introduction to Ethical Studies: an Open Source Reader (11 <sup>th</sup> Edition) available at <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook.pdf">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook.pdf</a> .			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Singer, P. (2011) <i>Practical Ethics: an Introduction</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press available at <a href="http://www.stafforini.com/docs/Singer%20-%20Practical%20ethics.pdf">http://www.stafforini.com/docs/Singer%20-%20Practical%20ethics.pdf</a>.</li> <li>4. Bentham, J. (1871) <i>An Introduction to the Principles of Moral and Legislation</i>. Kitchener: Batoche Books.</li> <li>5. Amstutz, Mark R. (2013) <i>International Ethics: Concepts, Theories, and Cases in Global Politics</i> (4th ed.), New York: Rowman &amp; Littlefield Publishers.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Course material: articles</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, "Libertarianism", available at <a href="https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/libertarianism/">https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/libertarianism/</a>.</li> <li>7. The Economist, "The isms of the week: liberalism and Libertarianism", available at <a href="https://www.economist.com/johnson/2010/10/08/the-isms-of-the-week-liberalism-and-libertarianism">https://www.economist.com/johnson/2010/10/08/the-isms-of-the-week-liberalism-and-libertarianism</a>.</li> <li>8. "John Rawls's Theory of Justice: a brief overview" available at <a href="http://vidyamandira.ac.in/pdfs/e_learning/SS%2017%20Paper%20V%20Half%201%20Topic%204b.pdf">http://vidyamandira.ac.in/pdfs/e_learning/SS%2017%20Paper%20V%20Half%201%20Topic%204b.pdf</a>.</li> <li>9. Weimer and Vining, "Toward professional ethics", available at <a href="http://gspace.nida.ac.th/pdf/Dr_Nutta/PA.640attha_MPA_3-49/1.%20What%20is%20Policy%20Analysis%20Analysis%20types%20and%20doing%20policy%20analysis/1.3.1%20Weimer%20Vining%20Policy%20Analysis.pdf">http://gspace.nida.ac.th/pdf/Dr_Nutta/PA.640attha_MPA_3-49/1.%20What%20is%20Policy%20Analysis%20Analysis%20types%20and%20doing%20policy%20analysis/1.3.1%20Weimer%20Vining%20Policy%20Analysis.pdf</a>.</li> </ol>
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