

| Course Information | |
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| Course Title | INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS |
| Teaching Language | English |
| Teaching Methods | Seminar: a combination of lectures and in-class discussions with student presentations (if feasible) |
| Type of Class Arrangement (A-H) | A2 |
| Course Description | <p>INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS Instructor: Professor Jovan Babic, Ph.D. Contact: E-mail: jovanpbabic@gmail.com jbabac@f.bg.ac.rs Term: Summer 2023. Format: Seminar: a combination of lectures and in-class discussions with student presentations . The language of the course is English. Levels of students: All levels (Freshmen & Sophomore, Junior & Above), no prior requirements. Teaching methods: combination of lectures and in-class discussions. Assessment: one in-class written exam during second week of the course; one final paper due three weeks after the last class, class participation. Course description The topics of the course are: the nature and definition of morality as a specific evaluational criterion and as a social fact, ethics as a philosophical theory of the morality; exploring basic distinctions between events and acts, causes and reasons, values and facts; ethical theories, brief examination of five ethical theories (direct intuition and golden rule “, virtue ethics, theory of double effect, utilitarianism, and deontology); metaethics (theory of meaning and theory of justification of moral terms and sentences, is/ought “ gap, institutional facts, regulative and constitutive rules); the origin of ethics as a philosophical endeavour (physis/nomos, Socrates), a brief outline of the history of ethics; cultural and ethical relativism; religion and morality (Divine Command Theory); justice and social contract theory; psychological and ethical egoism; utilitarianism in more details: instrumental rationality, the structure and scope of consequentialism; Kantian deontological ethics in more details, categorical imperative, duties, compatibilism; Applied ethics (in short outline: bioethics, business ethics, environmental ethics, computer ethics).</p> |
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| Course Assessment | <p>One in-class written exam on specific topic determined by instructor during second week of the course –20% of grade. One final paper (1500–2500 words), worth 60% of the grade, due three weeks after the course (or at the date determined by BFSU). The topic of each final paper must be endorsed by the teacher in advance. Papers should be written in the form of critical analysis, must be well reasoned, and argumentative. Be consistent and careful in your expression; length is not the guarantee of quality. See “Writing standards” below. Class Participation, worth 20% of the grade.</p> |
| Course Books and Recommended Reading | <p>Reading material: J. & S. Rachels, The Elements of Moral Philosophy, an additional packet of texts prepared for the course. All students will get the reading material electronically in advance.</p> |