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Course Unit Program
Ethics

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY POLICIES

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Ethics (L7032)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	30,00
Tutorial Guidance:	

9. ECTS Credits

3,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor MANUEL FERNANDO DA SILVA MONTEIRO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

What is Ethics? And what relationship can we establish between Ethics and compliance with the Law, in the specific context of Security Forces? Do security professionals have particular ethical and deontological duties in carrying out their mission? Answering these questions is the general objective of this curriculum unit.

15. Specific Objectives

- Contribute to an understanding of the various conceptions we can have of Ethics, particularly its intrinsic relationship with the dominant Morality or Moralities, aiming for a better comprehension of the world we live in.
- Perceive Ethics as a fundamental component in the relationship among future professionals in the field of Security, taking into account the dynamics and challenges they are constantly subjected to due to the ever-changing demands they face.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Ability to reflect on the meaning of the word Ethics in a global world.
- Ability to distinguish between ethical and deontological obligations and the strict fulfillment of duty arising from legal requirements or hierarchical obedience.

17. Teaching Methodology

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The teaching of this discipline includes:
- Theoretical-Practical classes for the transmission of content and exemplification of specific situations related to those contents.
- Student participation on topics directly related to the subject matter.

18. Course Unit Program

A) A brief analysis and reflection on the History of Ethics.

B) Syllabus:

1. Ethics, Morality, and Society:
1.1. Notions of ethics and morality.
1.2. Ethics, morality, and cultural pluralism.
1.3. Ethics and the relativism of norms.

2. Ethics and Law:
2.1. The ethical foundation of laws.
2.2. Ethics, law, and theories of social contract.

3. Ethical Theories:
3.1. Some classical theories.
3.2. Ethics and utilitarian theories.

4. Ethics and Professionals in Security Fields:
4.1. Balancing strict compliance with the law and essential ethical behavior.
4.2. Setting an example in professional conduct.
4.3. Ethical and deontological duties of security professionals.

19. Assessment Methods

1. Continuous assessment follows the current regulations and may be subject to modification according to university guidelines.

2. Continuous assessment will depend on:
a. Attendance and participation in classes.
b. Positive contribution in two written tests.

3. Optionally, there may be a written assignment with an oral presentation.

20. Didactic Resources

Supporting texts provided by the instructor, scientific articles;
Case studies;
Guidance for practical studies.
PowerPoint presentations.

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21. Sustainability Objectives

Assuming that sustainable education goes beyond the mere presentation of curriculum content, we define here three main objectives:

1. Promotion of critical analytical thinking

2. Continuous distinction between mere information and education

3. Education aimed at the free determination of future choices

22. Keywords

Ethics
Law
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Order
Security

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Title:	Historia de la ética		
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Edition:	1ª	Year:	2009
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Publisher:	Quetzal		

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