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Course Unit Program
Ethics

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Ethics (02306)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st 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 GUILHERME VALDEMAR PEREIRA DE OLIVEIRA MARTINS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The subject of Ethics aims to study the foundations of moral philosophy as an indirectly normative reality in the sense of personal autonomy, responsibility and the connection between duty and happiness.

15. Specific Objectives

It is intended to understand the articulation between the moral and legal orders and between value, norm and fact.

16. Skills to be acquired

It is intended that students understand Ethics as a moral philosophy, relations with law, political society, democracy and human dignity as a universal measure of justification of fundamental rights.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical and practical classes with discussion of program themes and relevant texts.

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ETHICS

1. The subject of Ethics.
2. Ethics and Philosophy.
3. The problem of the basis of Ethics.
4. To build the morality.
5. Ethics and Politics.
6. Ethics and Law, tasks of Political Philosophy.
7. Ethos enlightened and religious tradition.
8. Virtue and happiness.
9. Example, experience and respect.

I Program of Ethics

2. The subject of Ethics.
1.1. Ethics as Moral Philosophy.
1.2. Ethics as vocation.
1.3. The limits of Ethics. Etymology.
2. Ethics and Philosophy.
2.1. Concept of morality.
2.2. Expression of morality.
2.3. Virtualities and difficulties of the rational basis of Ethics.
3. The problem of the basis of Ethics.
3.1. The basis of Moral.
3.2. Ethics, Moral and Law.
3.3. Permanence, universalism and diversity of Moral.
4. To build the morality.
4.1. Dialogical moral - To know and to understand.
4.2. Pluralism and relativism.
4.3. How to justify the moral action?
5. Ethics and Politics.
5.1. Civil moral in the democratic society.
5.2. From confessional State to laicity.
5.3. Challenges of the present times.
6. Ethics and Law, tasks of Political Philosophy.
6.1. Justice, legitimacy and legitimation.
6.2. The concept of person, center of Ethics.
6.3. How to justify legitimate rights.
7. Ethos enlightened and religious tradition.
7.1. From natural religion to Moral Theology.
7.2. The challenges of enlightenment.
7.3. Critics of enlightened reason ? modernity and postmodernity.
8. Virtue and happiness.
8.1. Minimal Ethics.
8.2. Imperfection and perfectibility.

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8.3. Universalism of rights and duties.
9. Example, experience and respect.
9.1. To care the other. Equality and difference.
9.2. Conviction and responsibility.
9.3. Equal consideration and respect
9.4. Human dignity.

19. Assessment Methods

Two assessment tests and permanent dialogue in participated classes

20. Didactic Resources

See below

21. Sustainability Objectives

1 - Promote the rule of law, and guarantee equality and universal access to justice.
2 - Contribute to responsible, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

22. Keywords

Ethics, Morals, Law, Democracy, Fundamental rights, Human dignity

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14. General Objectives

The general objectives of this discipline are as follows:
1. Understand the meaning of "ETHICS" in the light of the present times, framing this understanding with knowledge of the various doctrines that have developed on the subject since ancient Greece.
2. Perceive and question the connection between the meaning of ETHICS and the understanding of MORALITY.
3. Understand the intrinsic connection between the meaning of ETHICS and the conception of JUSTICE, in order to comprehend that LAW is no

15. Specific Objectives

Contribute to:
a) A comprehensive education of future Jurists, including the transmission of essential humanistic values for the defense of Justice.
b) A clear perception regarding the understanding of the concept of Justice.
c) A distinct understanding between Natural Law and Positive Law.
d) An understanding of the relationship between Law and Ethics.

16. Skills to be acquired

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- Ability to reflect on the meaning of Justice.
- Perception of Law as an object of Justice.
- Distinction between the concepts of natural law, positive law, just law, and unjust law.
- Understanding the importance of deontology in defining and fulfilling professional objectives.

17. Teaching Methodology

The teaching of this discipline includes:

- Theoretical-Practical classes for the transmission of content and exemplification of concrete situations related to those contents.

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Introduction
1. Why is the subject of ETHICS important at Lusíada University?
2. ETHICS and the Human Being, the Citizen and the Lawyer
3. ETHICS and MORALS

I

Main Ethical Doctrines

1. In Classical Antiquity
2. In the Middle Ages
3. In the Modern Age
4. In the Contemporary Age
5. Today

II

ETHICS, JUSTICE and LAW

1. A preliminary approach to the concept of Fairness.
2. The concepts of Justice in the thinking of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas.
3. Ethics as an axiological premise of law and law as a definer of ethical behaviour (introductory notions).
4. The validity of the law in terms of its legal basis and content.
5. Natural law and positive law:
5.1. The question of legitimacy and legality (the ethical basis of laws).
5.2. Kelsen and legal positivism.

III

ETHICS and POLITICS

1. The Aristotelian perspective
2. The Christian perspective
3. The Machiavellian perspective

IV

ETHICS and the MARKET

1. Ethics and free competition
2. Ethics in corporate life
3. Ethics and profit distribution

V

ETHICS and the Code of Conduct for Lawyers

1. Professional ethics: a prerequisite and practical translation of ethical behavior?
2. Essential aspects of lawyers' ethics.

19. Assessment Methods

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2. Continuous assessment will depend on the positive contribution of the following elements:
a. Attendance and active participation in classes;
b. Completion of two continuous assessment tests.

3. An optional written assignment with an oral presentation may be required.

20. Didactic Resources

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

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.
Justice.
Law.
Deontology.

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Local:	Barcelona		
Publisher:	Paidós		

Author(s):	FÉLIX, António Bagão, OTERO, Paulo, AFONSO, Pedro, GIL, Victor		
Title:	Temas de ÉTICA		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Cascais		
Publisher:	Principia		

Author(s):	Aristóteles		
Title:	Ética a Nicómaco		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2009
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quetzal		

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Author(s):	SIDGWICK, Henry		
Title:	Os Métodos da Ética		
Edition:	Tradução da 7ª	Year:	2013
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian		

Author(s):	ODERBERG, David S.		
Title:	Ética Aplicada		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2009
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