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Course Unit Program
Ethics

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Ethics (07431)

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 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.

18. Course Unit Program

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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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Publisher: Taurus
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