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Course Unit Program
ETHICAL ISSUES AND POLITICAL DIMENSION

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

ETHICAL ISSUES AND POLITICAL DIMENSION (M6301)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

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 15,00

Tutorial Guidance: 20,00

9. ECTS Credits

7,50

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora TERESA PAULA GARCIA RODRIGUES DA SILVA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

- 1.To deepen the reflection around the question of man, as a personal and relational being and, structurally, ethical.
- 2.Propose a reflection around the assumptions and philosophical foundations of Ethics and Deontology, in order to clarify its rational dimension and to provide the theoretical and conceptual instruments indispensable to professional practice.

15. Specific Objectives

- 1.Enable the perception of the different forms of rationality present in contemporary ethics, based on the return to the subject, pointing out the main frames of reference in which professional practices are carried out.
- 2.Provide essential theoretical and conceptual instruments for reflection on ethics and deontology in different contexts, dimensions and fields of professional action.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Ability to carry out an ethically sustained foundation that integrates the axiological dimensions of professional interaction, in the helping relationship, in the definition of policies, plans, programs and social projects.
- Ability to critically and self-critically enunciate professional practices in different institutional contexts in the light of the national Code of Ethics.



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17. Teaching Methodology

Participated exhibition, through the practice of an active and dialogic pedagogy, involving the debate of themes/problems, the presentation of results of significant readings, reflections and research, promoters of critical attitudes, free and reflective.

18. Course Unit Program

- I. Assumptions and foundations
 1. Ethics, axiology, morals and deontology
 2. Nature of ethical values and professional ethics
 3. Concept of person and human dignity, freedom and social justice
 4. Action, ethical action and the human condition
 5. Classical theories of ethics
- II - Social Service and Applied Ethics
 1. Profession, vocation and professional ethics
 2. Acting ethically and responsibility. Minimal ethics.
 3. Application of professional ethics
 4. The helping relationship, tensions, dilemmas and ethical challenges
- III- Political dimension and new social issues
 1. Place and meaning: Social Work today
 2. Social intervention: knowledge and power
 3. The meaning of practice: Reflective thinking and critical thinking

19. Assessment Methods

written work and its oral discussion or a written point (optional).

20. Didactic Resources

PowerPoint

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Professional Ethics curricular unit aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas:

- 1 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- 2 - Ensuring equal opportunities in university education
- 3 - Respect for cultural diversity. Social and environment responsibility. Ethical values and commitments.

22. Keywords

Social Work
Profession
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23. Main Bibliography

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Edition: Year: 2009
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Publisher: Alianza Editorial
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Author(s): BANKS, Sara
Title: Ética y valores en el trabajo social
Edition: Year: 1997
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Author(s): ROBERTIS, Cristina de
Title: Fundamentos del trabajo social. Ética y metodología
Edition: Year: 2001
Local: Valencia
Publisher: Nau Llibres/ Universitat de Valencia,
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24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): KNOCH, Michael
Title: A deontologia dos Assistentes Sociais como ética profissional in
Intervenção Social, in Intervenção
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Author(s): ALONSO, Augusto Hortal
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