SYLLABUS

Faculty of Arts and Sciences – Department of Psychology

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS Value
PSY430	Ethics in Psychology	3	7

Prerequisite Courses:	-		
Course Language:	English	**Course Delivery Mode:**	Face to face
Course Type and Level:	**Undergraduate/4th Year/Spring**		

Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname	Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact
Assist. Prof. Dr. İlhan KARMUTOĞLU	Thursday 13:25-15:45	Tuesday – All Day Thursday – 10:00 – 13:25 Friday – All Day	**ilhansavasan @cag.edu.tr**

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Course Objectives: The aim of this course is to introduce the philosophical foundations of ethics and examine ethical principles within the context of psychological theory and practice. The course aims to help students understand major ethical theories such as Kantian ethics, utilitarianism, and virtue ethics, and to evaluate ethical dilemmas critically within psychological research and professional practice.

		Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;	Relations	
			Program Outcomes	Net Contribution
Course Learning Outcomes	1	Define the basic concepts of ethics and explain the historical development of ethical thought.	1,10	4
	2	Explain major ethical theories such as Kantian ethics, utilitarianism, and virtue ethics.	1,11	4
	3	Compare different ethical theories and interpret ethical problems within the field of psychology.	4,9	3
	4	Analyze ethical dilemmas that arise in psychological research and professional practice.	3,5,12	5
	5	Evaluate ethical principles such as confidentiality, informed consent, and professional responsibility in psychological contexts.	7,12	5
	6	Develop possible solutions for contemporary ethical issues by applying ethical theories and discuss ethical decision-making processes.	11,13,14	4
Course Content:		This course explores the philosophical foundations of ethics and examines major ethical theories in relation to psychology. Topics include the origins of ethical thought, normative ethical theories, Kantian ethics, utilitarianism, virtue ethics, applied ethics, global ethics, and ethical issues in psychological research and professional practice**.**		

Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)

Week	Topic	Preparation	Teaching Methods and Techniques
1	Course introduction and the concept of ethics	Reading (Ch)	Discussion
2	Historical roots of ethical thought	Reading (Ch)	Lecture
3	Normative ethical theories	Article	Lecture

4	Kantian ethics	Reading (Ch)	Discussion
5	Utilitarianism	Reading (Ch)	Discussion
6	Virtue ethics	Reading (Ch)	Discussion
7	Global Ethics	Article	Group Discussion
8	Midterm Exam	-	Written Exam
9	Midterm Exam	-	Written Exam
10	Applied ethics	Reading (Ch)	Case Analysis
11	Comparison of ethical theories	Article	Discussion
12	Ethics in psychological research	Short video	Case Analysis
13	Ethical issues in psychotherapy	Article	Discussion
14	Digital ethics and technology	Article	Discussion
15	Contemporary ethical debates	Reading (Ch)	Discussion&Problem Solving
16	General review	-	-
17	Final Exam	-	-
18	Final Exam	-	-

Course Resources

Textbook:	Shafer-Landau, R. The Fundamentals of Ethics
Recommended References:	Rachels, J., & Rachels, S. (2019). *The Elements of Moral Philosophy.* New York: McGraw-Hill Education. Shafer-Landau, R. (2015). *The Fundamentals of Ethics.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Koocher, G. P., & Keith-Spiegel, P. (2016). *Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions: Standards and Cases.* New York: Oxford University Press. Singer, P. (2011). *Practical Ethics.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Beauchamp, T. L., & Childress, J. F. (2019). *Principles of Biomedical Ethics.* New York: Oxford University Press.

Course Assessment and Evaluation

Activities	Number	Percentile	Notes
Midterm Exam	1	%40	Written Exam
Final	1	%60	Written Exam

ECTS Table

Content	Number	Hours	Total
Course Duration	**14**	3	42

Out-of-Class Study	**14**	5	70
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	**1**	40	40
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	**1**	58	58
		Total:	210
		Total / 30:	210/7
		ECTS Credit:	30

Past Term Achievements	
**The success graphs from previous semesters have been requested from the instructor who previously taught the course. The relevant data will be added to the course syllabus once it becomes available.	