



SYLLABUS
FACULTY OF LAW

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS Value	
LAW 138	Ethics	(2-0-2)	4	
Prerequisite Courses:	None			
Course Language:	English	Course Delivery Mode:	Face to Face	
Course Type and Level:	Elective/ Undergraduate 1st Year / Spring Semester			
Instructor's Title, Name, and Surname	Course Hours	Office Hours	Contact	
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Course Objectives				
Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to;		Relations	
	Program Outcomes	Net Contribution		
	1	Explains the historical and philosophical foundations of ethical thought by distinguishing the concept of ethics from morality and law.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5
	2	Discusses major ethical theories and compares the approaches of these theories to ethical decision-making processes.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5
	3	Analyzes the differences between ethical principles and legal rules; discusses the concepts of "Legal Ethics" and "Code of Ethics" through examples from Turkey and internationally.	1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11	4
	4	Explains, with examples, how ethical understandings vary according to cultural, religious, and regional factors.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5
	5	Defines ethical personality types and evaluates the impact of these personalities on individual behavior.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5
	6	Identifies the challenges encountered in the implementation of professional ethics codes (especially the Bar Association Code of Conduct within the scope of "Legal Ethics") and develops solutions.	1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11	4
	7	Analyzes ethical dilemmas encountered and generates alternative solutions based on different ethical theories and philosophies.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5
8	Evaluates the importance of ethical behavior in personal and professional life; develops a sense of responsibility and integrity and implements ethical decisions.	1, 5, 9, 10, 11	5	
Course Content:	This course examines the concept of ethics from philosophical, cultural, and legal perspectives, examining how ethical awareness develops in individual and professional behavior. Ethical theories, ethical personality types, and professional ethics codes are discussed comparatively. Furthermore, the understanding of legal ethics in Turkey and the challenges encountered in applying ethical rules are evaluated.			
Course Schedule (Weekly Plan)				
Week	Topic	Preparation	Teaching Methods and Techniques	
1	Introduction to the Concept of Ethics: A general introduction to the course, concepts of ethics and morality, and the relationship between philosophy and ethics.	Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion	
2	Historical Development of Ethical Thought: Major philosophical movements and ethical approaches from antiquity to the present.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion	



3	Definition and Scope of Ethics: The importance of the concept of ethics and its functions in individual and professional life.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
4	Cultural and Regional Differences in Ethical Understanding: The influence of religion, culture, and social structures on ethical values.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
5	Major Ethical Theories I – Divine Command Theory & Human Act Theory: Dimensions of moral action, intention, and human behavior.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
6	Major Ethical Theories II – Categorical Imperative & Utilitarianism: A comparison of Kantian ethics and consequentialist approaches.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
7	Ethical Personality Types: Characteristics of Facade, Walk-their-Talk, Opportunist, and Salt of the Earth types and their effects on behavior.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
8	Midterm Exam		
9	Midterm Exam		
10	General review of topics covered before the midterm exam.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
11	Code of Ethics: Definition of the concept, its importance, examples from professional groups.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture with Slide Presentation, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
12	Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility: The relationship between ethics and law, principles of professional conduct.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture with Slide Presentation, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
13	Legal Ethics in Turkey: The Professional Code of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and examples of ethical practice at the national level.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
14	Difficulties in Applying Ethical Codes: Ethical problems encountered in practice and the causes of non-compliance.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
15	Ethical Issues and Dilemmas: Case studies, identification of ethical problems, and discussion of solutions.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Case Analysis
16	Ethical Philosophies and General Assessment: Comparative analysis of categorical imperative and utilitarianism, general assessment, and final summary.	Lecture Notes, Supplementary Resources	Lecture, Question & Answer, Brainstorming, Discussion
17	Final Exam		
18	Final Exam		

Course Resources

Textbook:	Instructor's Lecture Notes and Slides
Recommended References:	1- Ioanna Kuçuardi. Ethics , Turkish Philosophical Association, 7th Edition, 2018. 2- James Rachels & Stuart Rachels. The Elements of Moral Philosophy . McGraw-Hill Education, 7th Edition, 2011.

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	2	28
Out-of-Class Study	14	2	28
Midterm Exam (Midterm Exam Duration + Midterm Exam Preparation)	1	25	15
Final Exam (Final Exam Duration + Final Exam Preparation)	1	25	20
		Total:	106
		Total / 30:	106/30=3.53
		ECTS Credit:	4

Past Term Achievements

2024-2025 Spring Semester
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