

Course description

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Course name:	Contemporary Ethics		
Academic Year:	2024/2025	Printed:	29.05.2024 21:03

Department/Unit /	KFR / MCOE			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Contemporary Ethics			Type of completion	Examination
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 7 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 2 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 2 [HRS/WEEK]			Course credit prior to	YES
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Counted into average	YES
Summer semester	0 / 5	0 / 0	0 / 15	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Winter semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Repeated registration	NO
Timetable	Yes			Semester taught	Summer semester
Language of instruction	English			Internship duration	0
Optional course	Yes			Ev. sc. – cred.	S N
Evaluation scale	A B C D E F				
No. of hours of on-premise	0				
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

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The aim of the course is to provide an overview of the main contemporary (from 20th century on) ethical theories in the Anglophone philosophical area, complemented by the major representatives of ethics in the Continental tradition. These traditions will be studied separately in a parallel manner, each will include a seminar part in which students will read and discuss primary texts relevant to the topics.

Continental ethics:

The course will introduce the student to the main traditions within continental ethics of the 20th century, including phenomenology, existentialism, feminism, postcolonialism and post-structuralism. We will investigate how these theoretical frameworks have influenced philosophical research on current ethical issues concerning the medicalization of the human and body, the status of the other, racism and colonialism, artificial intelligence and digitalization, our relationship to the environment, and many others. The course consists of introductory lectures on the main traditions, and classroom discussion, starting from the reading of a selection of primary texts relevant to the topics of the lecture part.

Analytic ethics:

This course offers an introduction to analytic ethics since the second half of the 20th century. After surveying some of the central themes in current metaethics, the main body of the course will explore the 'triumvirate' of the three dominant contemporary traditions: consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics. We will read a mixture of introductory and classical texts to get acquainted with the three traditions and take a look at some important criticisms that have been brought forth against them. The course concludes by leaving the philosophical mainstream to discuss Wittgenstein's legacy in ethics.

Requirements on student

Credit requirements:

1. Active attendance in the course, preparation of the reading (the student can miss three sessions maximum).
2. Written assignment (Examination/graded): Essay in English (7-10 normed pages, 3500-5000 words) to be submitted by a given date (to be settled).
3. Test (Credit): Test at the end of semester (May 13th), verifying basic knowledge of the topics discussed in the course.

Content

Continental ethics:

Film screening: Examined Life (Astra Taylor, 2008)

Introductory lectures:

- Phenomenology and embodied philosophy
- Existentialism
- Postcolonialism
- Feminism
- Post-structuralism and post-humanism

Reading sessions:

- Classics of the 20th century
- Contemporary issues

Analytic ethics:

- Metaethics
- Consequentialism
- Deontology
- Virtue Ethics
- Wittgensteinian Ethics
- Critiques of the different traditions

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

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Competences acquired

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** doc. Mgr. Ondřej Beran, Ph.D.
- **Lecturer:** doc. Mgr. Ondřej Beran, Ph.D. (100%), PhDr. Antony Fredriksson, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Kamila Pacovská, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** doc. Mgr. Ondřej Beran, Ph.D. (100%), PhDr. Antony Fredriksson, Ph.D. (100%), Philip Julian Strammer, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Examiners:** doc. Mgr. Ondřej Beran, Ph.D., PhDr. Antony Fredriksson, Ph.D.

Literature

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	1	LS
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Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan	v. Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Social and cultural anthropology	Follow-up study	Full-time	Social and cultural anthropology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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