

Course description

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Course name:	Problems of Ethics I		
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Department/Unit /	KFR / MPRE1			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Problems of Ethics I			Type of completion	Examination
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 5 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 1 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 1 [HRS/WEEK]			Course credit prior to	NO
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Counted into average	YES
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Winter semester	0 / 10	0 / 0	0 / 20	Repeated registration	NO
Timetable	Yes			Semester taught	Winter semester
Language of instruction	English			Internship duration	0
Optional course	Yes				
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:

Course Description: In this course, our central topic will be moral responsibility, the nature of blame, and when it should be withheld from apparent wrongdoers. We will examine a number of categories of "excuse", conditions that arguably mitigate the blameworthiness of behaviour, including: causal determinism, ignorance of fact, and moral ignorance (especially forms rooted in culture and upbringing). In each of these discussions, you will be invited to reflect on the forms that blame take, the role that blame practices have in human life, and how this bears on questions of the appropriateness of blame in the cases under consideration.

Seminar Format: Each seminar will focus on a paper which you will be expected to have read. I will begin by making some introductory remarks before inviting you to raise clarificatory or critical questions about the text and make connections with previous readings from the course. You will be asked to prepare question sheets in advance and submit them electronically before class.

Assessment: You will be responsible for submitting 3 problem analyses. Two will be due during the semester, and the third during the exam period. Additionally, 10% of your grade will be based on the timely submission of question sheets.

Requirements on student

1. Active attendance in the course, preparation of the reading (the student can miss three sessions maximum).
2. Written assignment: Two texts of "Problem analysis" (3 to 4 normed pages plus bibliography) relating to the topic discussed at the course. The second one will be graded for the examination (Zkouška).

The Problem analysis is written as a structured text (you can use numbers, headings, subheadings, etc) that states a clear thesis (claim) and presents an argument in its favour. The author formulates the problem concerned and, based on her own argument and consideration of relevant literature, she adopts her own position and states it clearly in the text together with the supporting argument or justification. A mere general exposition of a topic (a textbook overview) is not admitted.

Content

1. Introduction
2. Freedom and Determinism
3. Freedom and Resentment
4. Blame and Anger
5. Blame as Education
6. Moral Luck, Williams
7. Moral Luck, Nagel
8. Liability and Negligence
9. Responsibility for Believing
10. Conscience and Social Morality
11. Responsibility and Social Morality
12. Intellectualism and Avoidance

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Competence with speaking and writing in English

Competences acquired

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Mgr. Kamila Pacovská, Ph.D.
- **Lecturer:** Lesley Paige Jamieson, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Kamila Pacovská, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Lesley Paige Jamieson, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Kamila Pacovská, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Chappell, T. "Glory as an Ethical Idea" in *Knowing What to Do*. Oxford University Press, 2014.
- **Basic:** Kant, I. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*. Transl. Mary Gregor, Jens Timmermann. A German-English edition, Cambridge University Press 2011.
- **Basic:** Williams, B. A. O.. "Moral Luck". in B. Williams, *Moral Luck*, Cambridge University Press 1981, pp. 20-39.
- **Basic:** Nagel, T. "Moral Luck". in *Mortal Questions*, Cambridge University Press 1979, 24-38.
- **Basic:** Williams B. A. O. *Morality. An Introduction to Ethics*. Cambridge University Press 1993.
- **Basic:** Herman, B. "On the Value of Acting from the Motive of Duty". in Herman, *The Practice of Moral Judgment*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1993, 1-22.
- **Basic:** Plato. *Republic*. transl. Reeve, Indianapolis: Hackett, 2005.
- **Basic:** Stocker, M. "The Schizophrenia of Modern Ethical Theories". *The Journal of Philosophy* 73 (1976), 453-466.
- **Recommended:** Robb, C. M. & Archer, A. "Talent, Skill, and Celebrity". *Ethical Perspectives* 29 (1), 2022, 33-63.

Teaching methods

Monologic (reading, lecture, briefing)
Dialogic (discussion, interview, brainstorming)

Assessment methods

Written examination

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	ZS
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Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	1	ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS

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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
Social and cultural anthropology	Follow-up study	Full-time	Social and cultural anthropology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		ZS
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