

Course title: ETHICS AND POLITICS

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 4

Semester: autumn and spring (2 semesters)

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

Branch of science: Social sciences

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

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Type of classes: classes and lectures

Substantive content

CLASSES: -

LECTURES: The aim of the lecture is introducing and approaching the gist of ethics and politics, considered as two closely related aspects of human activity. Hence, the relation between ethics and politics and their aims will be presented here. Fundamental features of behaviour and moral judgement will be discussed as well. Furthermore, one will be introduced into different attitudes of justifying in political ethics. The lecture will present general criteria for the use of politics, ways of their justifying, intellectual and moral abilities of aware and active participation in political communities.

Learning purpose: Learning purpose is reflection on such issues as: Moral aspects of democracy, The authority in Machiavellism, Individualism as a liberal concept of a person, Plato's concept of the state, Human rights in the modern world, Ethics in international relations, Aristotle's concept of common good, John Rawls' theory of justice. The recognition of forming relations between ethics, morality and politics will be analysed on the grounds of basic texts.

On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: The student has knowledge of the philosophy and ethics of politics. The student can name phenomena in the political and social sphere.

Skills: The student is aware of the axiological determinants of behavior in public life, has the ability to show the usefulness of the theoretical approach in the analysis of social processes. Reading and understanding source texts, interpreting solutions taken by people in the political sphere.

Social Competencies: The student is aware of the importance of behaving in a professional and ethical manner. Has the ability to actively promote such attitudes. Expresses an active attitude towards morally reprehensible behavior. Acts in accordance with the principles of ethics.

Basic literature: Aristotle, Politics, Hayek F., Constitution of liberty, Plato, Republic, Rawls J., Theory of justice

Supplementary literature: MacIntyre A., Ethics and politics selected essays, Frost M., Ethics in International Relations. A Constitutive Theory



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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30

Student's independent work: 70