Global Ethics (A001470)  
Valid in the academic year 2015-2016

Course Specifications

Course size  
Credits  5.0  Study time  150 h  Contact hrs  45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2015-2016
A (semester 1)  lecture  45.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2015-2016
Van Assche, Kristof  LW01  lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in  2015-2016

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Teaching languages
English

Keywords
Global ethics
Global justice

Position of the course
This course builds upon the thorough introductions to ethics provided in the 3 BA years. As far as its contents are concerned, it aims at acquiring knowledge of a recently established and strongly flourishing domain within theoretical and practical ethics. With regard to skills, the course strives to develop heuristic skills to be applied independently by the students. As far as attitudes are concerned, this course aims to stimulate global responsibility.

Contents
The possible orientations and contents of a global ethics.
Implications of globalisation for individual responsibility.
Specific case studies of current societal problems linked to globalisation (inter alia commodification and commercialisation of human beings and their body parts; climate change and the environmental crisis).

Initial competences
Understanding the basic concepts, central approaches, theoretical frameworks and important developments in ethics.

Final competences
Understanding the complexity of the problems facing a globalised world with regard to moral values and norms.
Being able to assess publications relevant to global ethics and global justice (in academic journals as well as media reports) as regards their relevance, strength of argumentation, and scientific evidence base.
Knowledge of key sources regarding globalisation, world ethics and world politics.
Being capable of understanding, critically commenting and independently applying general theoretical approaches and specific arguments in the field of global ethics.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

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Conditions for exam contract
Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
Lecture

Learning materials and price
Texts made available via the e-platform Minerva.

References

Course content-related study coaching
Personal support if needed (by appointment).

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
Written exam: two 'open book' essays (1 1/2 page each).

Calculation of the examination mark
Essay 1 (50%)
Essay 2 (50%)

Facilities for Working Students
1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours
Extra information:
The texts that need to be studied for the exam are on Minerva, so students have to check the website regularly.
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

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