

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
OE	HSO 305	Introduction to Applied Ethics	3	0	0	9

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to familiarize the undergraduate students to key issues, questions and concepts in applied ethics. Applied Ethics emphasizes issues of practical concern. By addressing the ethical dilemmas emerging from real life contexts, it is envisaged that applicability of moral principles can be tested and proved.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Understand the issues in applied ethics.
- Know the historical development of ethical thinking,
- Recognize a variety of ethical issues when confronted
- Apply critical thinking skills, ethical principles, to resolve ethical issues.

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Introduction Ethics and Morality Nature and Scope of Ethics, Relationship of Ethics with Philosophy	6	This unit will make students understand, what is ethics?, its nature and scope, and relationship with philosophy.
2	Classification of Ethics Normative Meta-Ethics Applied Ethics	7	This part will help students understand the major branches of applied ethics.
3	Normative Ethical Theories Consequentialist Theories Deontological Theories Virtue Ethical Theories Ethical Principles	9	This unit will explain the different normative ethical theories and principles with examples.
4	Business Ethics Responsibilities and Accountability in Business Corporate Social Responsibility Codes of Ethics in Business Sustainable Business	6	This will make students aware of the ethical responsibilities towards business.
5	Bioethical Issues Life and Death issues in contemporary society Abortion: Pro-choice or Pro-life Euthanasia: Morality of terminating unproductive dependent existence	6	Help in understanding the bioethical issues on life and death.
6	Environmental Ethics Anthropocentrism Bio-centrism Eco-centrism Holistic approach to Life on Earth: an Imperative for Moral Existence	8	This will help student to know the issues in environmental ethics.
TOTAL LECTURE HOURS		42	

Text Books:

Foot, Philippa. Theories of Ethics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1967

Singer, Peter. Practical Ethics. 2nd ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993

Norton, Bryan G. Towards Unity among Environmentalists. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Reference Books:

Beauchamp, Tom L. Philosophical Ethics: An Introduction to Moral Philosophy. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1982.

Callahn, Joan C., ed., Ethical Issues in Professional Life, New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.