GEN/IRL2510 Principles of Ethics

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Title

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Prerequisites

no

Credits

3

Description

Ethics refers to the study of what is right and wrong or good conduct in a given set of circumstances. In essence, ethics looks at the moral values we already possess and examines how we came to our own personal worldview and outlook on life. Ethical problems exist because we have choices. Ethics presupposes the existence of morality, as well as the existence of moral people who judge right from wrong and generally act in accordance with norms they accept and to which the rest of society holds others. We will primarily focus on ethics as it relates to modern issues we face as a society within our local environment, our work place, our university and personal life.

Objectives

The main goals of the course are: - To develop critical thinking skills as relevant to ethical issues - To foster sensitivity for and understanding of the variety of norms and values across cultures - To raise awareness of ethical theories and their relations to life

Assessment

60 % -first and second assessments

40 % -final assessment