

#### POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name

Professional ethics [S1MiBM2>EZ]

Course

Field of study Year/Semester

Mechanical Engineering 4/7

Area of study (specialization) Profile of study

general academic

Level of study Course offered in

first-cycle Polish

Form of study Requirements

full-time elective

Number of hours

Lecture Laboratory classes Other 0

30

**Tutorials** Projects/seminars

0

Number of credit points

2,00

Coordinators Lecturers

#### **Prerequisites**

The student has a basic knowledge of ethical issues, including philosophical and formal ethics. Moreover, he is aware of the existing difference between ethics and morality

# Course objective

Presentation of basic issues in the field of ethics, its essence and principles in relation to the influence on the formation of individual and social awareness. The meaning, role and place of ethics in social and professional life as well as teaching the basics of analyzing the ethical aspects of the situation while implementing professional activities.

# Course-related learning outcomes

#### Knowledge:

Has the basic knowledge necessary to understand the social and non-technical determinants of engineering activities, resulting from the adopted and conventional ethical and moral doctrines. Knows the basic concepts of ethics and their impact on professional life, including the image of the company, professional and personal field. Has basic knowledge about the fundamental dilemmas of modern civilization. Has knowledge of economic, legal, ethical and other non-technical conditions of professional activity.

#### Skills:

The student has the ability to perceive, associate and interpret ethical phenomena and the direction of their evolution. When formulating and solving engineering tasks, he is able to see their systemic and non-technical aspects. Is able to take into account systemic and non-technical aspects, including ethical, ecological and environmental protection.

#### Social competences:

Is aware of the importance and understanding of non-technical aspects and effects of engineering activities, including its impact on society, as well as shaping the external image. In engineering work, he is able to identify ethical problems resulting from the adopted social code of ethics conditioning conventional activities and propose solutions accordingly. Is able to determine the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to seek the opinion of experts in case of difficulties in solving the problem independently. Is aware of the importance of non-technical aspects and ethical consequences of engineering activities in social relations.

## Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Final test based on the knowledge gained during the lecture and the literature on the subject. The test consists of open and closed questions (single choice): 10 questions: 6pts = 3.0; 7pts = 3.5; 8pts = 4.0; 9 points = 4.5; 10pts = 5.0. Passing by obtaining the value of 50% correct answers

### Programme content

Genesis and subject of ethical reflection. Stages of development of ethical thought. Morality and ethics. Normative ethics and descriptive ethics. The place of ethics in the structure of philosophy, humanities and social sciences. Ethics, morality and law. Review of the basic concepts of morality. Cognitivism and noncognitivism; consequentialism and non-consequentialism. Utilitarianism? an ethics of prosperity. Cantism? ethics of duty. Natural law? permission ethics. Basic concepts of descriptive ethics. Norms, values, ideals and moral sanctions. Genesis and role of norms, values and ideals. Disputes about the genesis and nature of values. Research methods of descriptive ethics. Psychology and sociology of morality. Ethical situations. Principles of making ethical decisions. Value conflicts in decision-making processes. The individual in the face of value conflicts. Conflict of interests in social life. Selfishness? altruism. Basics of ethical analysis of decision situations. Practice and ethical situations. The ethical consequences of diligence and negligence in the performance of the profession. Responsibility of the designer, diagnostician, contractor. The issue of liability for the consequences of ignorance, mistakes and omissions in the performance of work. Responsibility towards the client, client, partner, third parties, society. Review of value conflicts in the work process: doctor, lifeguard, firefighter, lawyer, driver? Responsibility of the trainer for the effects of his students' actions. Managing work processes and managing human resources, capital and the environment. Environment and management. Environmental capacity. The economy and the health of employees, customers and the environment. Who is responsible for environmental protection, who bears the costs. How to protect yourself from dishonest suppliers. Social relations in the workplace. Employment and workers' rights. Right to work. Equal opportunities. Fair pay. Unions. Entrepreneur's rights and employee loyalty. Discrimination at work. Genesis, essence and main examples of professional ethical codes. The role of ethical codes in regulating apprenticeships.

#### Course topics

none

#### **Teaching methods**

- a lecture with a multimedia presentation (drawings, photos) supplemented with examples given on the blackboard.
- a lecture supplemented with materials for self-study in the Moodle system.
- introducing a new topic, preceded by a reminder of related content, known to students from other subjects.

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# Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	50	2,00
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	30	1,00
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/ tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation)	20	1,00