Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences

Courses in English
Course Description

Department	11 Applied Social Sciences
Course title	**Introduction to Ethics (With a Special Focus on Social Work Ethics)**
Course number	tbc
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	5 (for a 2-course module)
Course objective	The focus of this course is on practising methodology, argumentation and reflection. We will practice the English language in numerous discussions of practical cases from various areas, not only from Social Work. The course is thus addressed at students of all subject areas who are interested in a general introduction to ethics and who like discussing moral problems.
Prerequisites	Basic command of English and interest in discussions of moral problems
Recommended reading	t.b.a. in the first session of the course
Teaching methods	Lectures, text-based work, group discussions
Assessment methods	Individual presentations in the form of colloquia of 30 minutes (for 5 ECTS credit points), written submissions are likewise possible depending upon individual arrangement)
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	In this introductory course to ethics, we first consider what a moral problem is, and what we (should) understand by 'morality' and 'ethics', before working through the main features of normative ethical theories using a variety of practical examples. These include,e.g., virtue ethics, consequentialist ethics, and the group of approaches usually referred to as deontological ethics. The 'big names' whose texts are considered in extracts or summaries include Aristotle, Immanuel Kant, Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill. The fact that ethics is anything but 'grey theory' will be demonstrated through numerous discussions and real-life examples (including, but not limited to, social work settings).
Remarks	This course is conducted in English. Nevertheless, it is possible to deliver certain parts in German, including the assessment (Leistungsnachweis).