

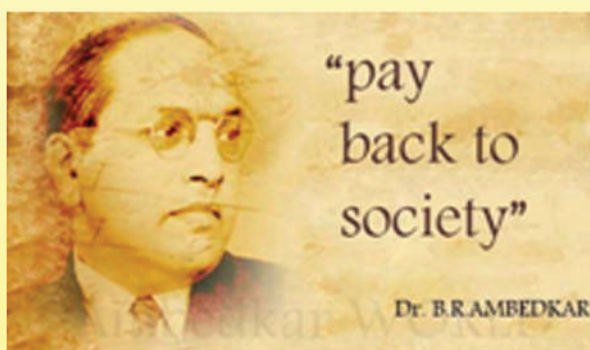
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UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA



A Course on Human Values and Professional Ethics

An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind—Mahatma Gandhi



A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society—BR Ambedkar

True education is the acquisition of enlightened feelings and the enlightened power to understand the daily events and to understand the permanent truth by linking citizens, to his environment, human and planet, we live.

—APJ Abdul Kalam

Dream is not that you see in sleep, dream is something that does not let you sleep.

— A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



Human Values and Professional Ethics

Human values are understanding and convictions which have an inherent worth in usefulness or importance to the holder—principles, standards or qualities reflected in thoughts and actions of a human being. Values institute an important characteristic of self-concept and serve as supervisory principles for a person.

Professional ethics is the code of conduct, values and guiding principles that are professionally acknowledged. It is the demeanour applicable to different professions and is set up by the expert members of such profession or professional organizations. Having professional ethics means people following the sound, uniform ethical conduct in their professional lives.

UG course on Human Values and Professional Ethics

This paper equips the students to be aware of the basic human values and professional ethics and relate these to the day to day experiences of life.

There are five modules, each of 20 marks. The course is conducted under the International Centre for Gandhian Studies (ICGS) of USTM and the faculty include external experts and in house faculties. Reading list for each module is provided separately. At the end of the course, a student is expected to do an assignment, and appear for a written test.

Course Title : Fundamentals of Human Values and Professional Ethics

Nature of the Course : Theory

Non-Credit Compulsory Course carrying 100 marks

Course Description: The course aims at introducing the Undergraduate students with the fundamentals concepts and ideas on morality and ethics. It is also aimed to give basic understanding and an insight to the diverse elements and aspects relating to cultural and religious values, human virtues, and professional ethics in local and global context. On successful completion of the course students will be able to learn and maintain a good interpersonal relation in social and professional space.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To introduce the students to the fundamentals of human values and professional ethics and make its significance in the present day context.
- 2) To understand the ethical concerns in professional and personal space.

Unit-1: Ethics and Human Values [8 Lectures]

Fundamentals of Ethics.

Fundamentals of Values:

Values embedded in different religions; Religious Tolerance.

Unit-2: Basic Human Virtues [8 Lectures]

Concept of Human Virtues

Gender Equality, Diversity in ability, Cultural acceptability.

Social Concerns: Evils of Dowry & Caste System, Racial

Discrimination, Depression



Unit-3: Introduction to Professional Ethics [8 Lectures]

Fundamentals of Professional Ethics.

Professional crimes

Professional Rights

Unit-4: Ethics in Professional & Global Space [5 Lectures]

Cyber Ethics and Etiquette.

Ethics in cyber and professional space.

Environmental Ethics; Ethics in Research.

Unit-5: Practical Training/ Case studies



PG course on Human Values and Professional Ethics

The core focus of the course on Human Values, Professional ethics and sustainability is to enlighten the students regarding value based approaches within a variety of context. The concept of Value is understood in two different contexts. One is People's judgements about what is important or meaningful in their lives and the other is principles or standards for behaviour, supported by constitution, norms and religion. Issues related to Sustainable Development Goals also constitute an important constituent of the course. Students need to be aware that ethical values are a crucial dimension of sustainability. One segment of the course is devoted to case studies.

The methodology adopted is based on theoretical concepts and case studies. The paper has four modules.

Course Title : Human Values and Professional Ethics

Nature of the Course : Theory

Non-Credit Compulsory Course carrying 50 marks

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to comprehend the various ethical issues that may arise in one's professional life. The course will provide understanding of the expected professional ethics and behavior in diverse professional settings. It will also facilitate the students to develop detail insight on the different human values transmitted by diverse sources as constitution, culture, religion, family and society. On successful completion of the course the students will learn to acclimatize to the expectations of an ideal professional and a responsible member of the society.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To critically understand ethical issues as they pertain to professional and personal identity.
- 2) To learn to consider oneself and the world around from these basic ethical positions.
- 3) To develop sharpened analytical capabilities in order to develop and maintain a good interpersonal relationship in both professional and social space.

Unit-1: Ethics and Human Values [8 Lectures]

Definition, Importance and Relevance in present-day Society.

Indian Constitutional Values: Fundamental Rights and Duties; Freedom, Equality, Fraternity, Justice; Directive Principles of State Policy.

Religious and Cultural Values: Values embedded in different religions; Religious Tolerance.

Unit-2: Basic Human Virtues [8 Lectures]

Concept of Honesty, Punctuality, Responsibility, Courtesy, Discipline, Courage, Compassion, Empathy and Restrain

Family responsibilities: Duties as a Member of the Society, Guidance to youngsters; Gender Equality.

Social Concerns: Evils of Dowry & Caste System, Racial Discrimination, Suicidal Tendencies, Substance Abuse and Addiction.

Unit-3: Introduction to Professional Ethics [8 Lectures]

Need, Importance and Goals; Ethical Values in Different Professions: Dignity of Labour, Respect for Authority, Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest.

Occupational Crime; Sexual and Mental Harassment in work place.

Professional Rights: Employee Rights, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Unit-4: Ethics in Professional and Global Space [5 Lectures]

Cyber Ethics and Etiquette.

Correct and Judicious use of Mobile Phones/electronic gadgets, Social Networking in professional space.

Environmental Ethics; Ethics in Research.

Unit-5: Practical Training/Case studies





It is proposed to include the course as mandatory for all students enrolled at the USTM. It equips a student to develop a framework which will help the student throughout life for a successful Professional career having social impact contributing to the process of nation building. On successful completion of the course, a certificate will be given to a student. It is mandatory for a student to qualify in this course to be eligible for a degree. The modules of both basic and advance course focus on practical training.

The Methodology

1. Developing theoretical foundation of different concepts
2. Learning based on case studies.
3. Practical assignment by way of hands on training.
4. Developing a data bank from the assignments given to students
5. Exposure to wide range of articles written by scholars, saintly personalities and eminent people across the globe, over a period of time
6. Consulting a dedicated library of reference books.

The synergy between Unveiling Excellence and Nation Building endeavours facilitates USTM to identify the skills, Capabilities, knowledge, technology, experiences and Value system that a student needs to internalise during the time he/she spends at the USTM campus, acquiring academic proficiency, leading to a coveted degree.

The track record of USTM in the field of holistic education, including development of Human values and Professional Ethics:

1. Programmes aimed at orienting and guiding students to serve the society in different capacities
2. Events and activities emphasising on Human Values, National Integration, Communal Harmony and social cohesion
3. Great personalities visiting and addressing USTM community inculcating the values of life and work
4. Initiatives like Help Desk for Cancer Patients at BBCI, vocational training for physically challenged persons, regular Blood Donation camps, NSS activities
5. USTM Neighbourhood Mission
6. Women empowerment projects like USTM Women's Driving School



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