

Academic Year/course: 2021/22

## 25503 - Ethical theories

### Syllabus Information

**Academic Year:** 2021/22

**Subject:** 25503 - Teorías éticas

**Faculty / School:** 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

**Degree:** 269 - Degree in Philosophy  
587 - Degree in Philosophy

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Year:** 1

**Semester:** Second semester

**Subject Type:** Basic Education

**Module:**

### 1. General information

### 2. Learning goals

### 3. Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

### 4. Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

#### 4.1. Methodological overview

See "Learning tasks " and "Syllabus".

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

#### 4.2. Learning tasks

This is a 6 ECTS course organized as follows:

- Lectures.
- Practice sessions.
- Autonomous work and study.
- Assessment tasks.

#### 4.3. Syllabus

This course will address the following topics:

Topic 1. Introduction.

- [1] The matter of Ethics. Ancient and modern Ethics.
- [2] A classification of ethical theories.

Topic 2. The foundation of morality: two rationalist approaches.

- [1] Th. Hobbes. Contractarianism and its limits.
- [2] I. Kant. Rationality and morality.

Topic 3. Some classical critics to Kant's moral philosophy.

- [1] G. W. F. Hegel: "Ethical life" (Sittlichkeit) vs. Morality.

[2] A. Schopenhauer: the ethics of compassion.

[3] J. Bentham and J. S. Mill: utilitarianism.

[4] F. Nietzsche: life beyond morality.

Topic 4. Contemporary Ethics: some approaches.

[1] Intuitionism (G. E. Moore), Emotivism (Ch. L. Stevenson), Existentialism (J. P. Sartre).

[2] Communitarianism (A. MacIntyre): going back to Hegel and Aristotle.

[3] Kantian rationalism revisited: Discourse ethics (J. Habermas, K.-O. Apel).

#### **4.4. Course planning and calendar**

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the 'Facultad de Filosofía' website (academic calendar <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>; timetable: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)