



UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA
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NOTIFICATION

The Vice Chancellor, as authorized by the Academic Council in its 1/2025 meeting held on 26.08.2025 and Syndicate in its 4/2025 meeting held on 12.09.2025, is pleased to approve the courses of "Ethics-I and Ethics-II" (Annex-'A' & 'B') for non-muslims students in lieu of courses of "Understanding of Holy Quran-I/II or Fehm-e-Quran-I/II" for uniformity in the credit hours of degree to be awarded to both muslims and non-muslims students w.e.f. **Fall 2025**.

WAQAR AHMAD
Additional Registrar (General)

No. SU/Acad/25/1002

Dated: 24.09.2025

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

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1-Course Description

The Ethics-I course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of ethical principles, practices, and theories in various societal contexts. Throughout this degree program, students will explore the complexities of ethical theories of semitic and non-semitic religions along with decision-making and develop critical thinking skills to navigate moral dilemmas. This course will also enable the students to interact with others religious identities with humanistic, inclusive and holistic approach

2- Learning Objectives

This course aims to:

1. Introduce students to the fundamental concepts, scope, and importance of ethics.
2. Explore the relationship between law, morality, and social values.
3. Develop a clear understanding of virtuous and immoral ethics and their impact on individual and collective life.
4. Study the role of major religious figures in the moral development of human society and enable students to apply ethical principles for personal development, conflict resolution, and social harmony.

3- Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Students will be able to identify and analyze major ethical theories, values, and their scope in social and individual life.
2. Differentiate between law and ethics, and analyze their interrelationship.
3. Identify types of virtuous and immoral ethics and assess their social impacts.
4. Examine the ethical teachings of major religions and their relevance in contemporary society.
5. Apply ethical principles to address modern challenges in personal and professional life.

4-Course Structure

1. Interactive lectures, Group discussions and debates
2. Reflection papers and presentations
3. Assignments and Quiz

Course Contents

Unit 1: Introduction and Fundamentals of Ethics

1. Literal and terminological definition of ethics
2. Literal and terminological definition of values
3. Relationship between law and ethics
4. Need, importance, and scope of ethics

Unit 2: Types of Ethics and Their Impact on Society

- Virtuous ethics: concept, types, benefits, and outcomes
- Immoral ethics: concept, types, and harms
- Role of ethics in social refinement and establishment of peace

Unit 3: Virtuous Ethics (Akhlaq-e-Hasanah)

- Concept, need, and importance of virtuous ethics
- Scope of virtuous ethics in the light of religions
- Major virtues in revealed and non-revealed religions
- Impact of virtuous ethics on individual and collective life

Unit 4: Immoral Ethics (Akhlaq-e-Razilah)

- Concept of immoral ethics
- Social problems caused by immoral ethics
- Practical consequences of immoral ethics
- Major vices in revealed and non-revealed religions

Unit 5: Role of World Religious Figures in Moral Development

- Prophet Moses (AS): introduction, miracles, and role in moral refinement
- Prophet Jesus (AS): introduction, miracles, and role in moral refinement
- Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ): introduction, miracles, and role in moral refinement

Textbook

1. Izutsu, T. (2002). *Ethico-Religious Concepts in the Qur'an*. McGill-Queen's University Press.

Suggested Readings

1. Gert, B. (2005). *Morality: Its Nature and Justification*. Oxford University Press.
2. MacIntyre, A. (2007). *After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory*. University of Notre Dame Press.
3. Al-Ghazali, Abu Hamid (2001). *The Alchemy of Happiness*. Islamic Texts Society.
4. Nasr, S. H. (1994). *The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity*. Harper One.
5. Beauchamp, T. L., & Childress, J. F. (2019). *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*. Oxford University Press.
6. Hasan, Z. (2010). *Ethics in Islam: Key Concepts and Contemporary Challenges*. Islamic Research Institute.

1-Course Description

The course *Ethics-II* is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of ethical principles and practices from both Semitic and non-Semitic religions, as well as their application in professional and social contexts. Students will engage with Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Confucian, and Jain ethical traditions. The course emphasizes moral reasoning, decision-making, tolerance, and peacebuilding. It aims to cultivate an inclusive, humanistic, and holistic approach towards ethical living and interfaith engagement.

2- Learning Objectives

The course objectives are to:

1. Understand the fundamental principles and theories of ethics.
2. Introduce the ethical and moral teachings of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism.
3. Explore the ethical teachings of non-Semitic religions such as Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, and Jainism.
4. Develop critical thinking skills to evaluate ethical arguments and theories.
5. Promote ethical leadership and interfaith harmony.

3- Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze major ethical theories and teachings from world religions.
2. Understand the role of religions in improving moral values and social behavior.
3. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in various personal and professional contexts.
4. Recognize the impact of ethical decisions on individuals, communities, and society.
5. Apply skills of ethical leadership, including communication, conflict resolution, and inclusive engagement.

4-Course Structure

1. Interactive lectures, Group discussions and debates
2. Reflection papers and presentations
3. Assignments and Quiz

Course Contents**Unit 1: Ethical Teachings of Semitic Religions**

- Judaism and its ethical teachings
- Christianity and its ethical teachings
- Islam and its ethical teachings

Unit 2: Ethical Teachings of Non-Semitic Religions

- Hinduism and its ethical teachings
- Sikhism and Buddhism: ethical values and practices
- Confucian and Jain ethical traditions

Unit 3: Professional Ethics

- Ethics for students and teachers
- Ethics in doctor-patient relationships
- Ethics in trader-customer interactions

Unit 4: Concept and Significance of Tolerance

- Definition, need, and importance of tolerance
- Teachings of Semitic religions on tolerance and their contemporary relevance
- Teachings of non-Semitic religions on tolerance and their contemporary relevance

Unit 5: Foundational Values and Ethics for Peacebuilding in Society

- Respect for sacred scriptures, personalities, places of worship, and religious symbols
- Promotion of tolerance and broadmindedness
- Encouragement of dialogue and harmony
- Benevolence towards humanity
- Establishment of justice and fairness
- Patience, forbearance, and forgiveness

Textbook

- Kidder, R. M. (2009). *How Good People Make Tough Choices: Resolving the Dilemmas of Ethical Living*. Harper.

Suggested Readings

1. Barash, D. P., & Webel, C. P. (2014). *Peace and Conflict Studies*. Sage.
2. Smart, N. (1998). *The World's Religions*. Cambridge University Press.
3. Nasr, S. H. (2003). *The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity*. HarperOne.
4. Sharma, A. (2006). *Hindu Ethics: Purity, Abortion, and Euthanasia*. SUNY Press.
5. Harvey, P. (2000). *An Introduction to Buddhist Ethics: Foundations, Values and Issues*. Cambridge University Press.
6. Coward, H., & Perkinson, J. (2013). *A Cross-Cultural Dialogue on Ethical Leadership*. Wilfrid Laurier University Press.
7. Confucius. (1998). *The Analects*. Oxford University Press.