

Faculty	Management and Social Sciences	
Department	Sociology	
Course Title	Professional ethics in Law enforcement and Security Management	
Year of Study	4	
Course Code	CSS420	
Credit Hours	2	
Contact Hours	30	
Mode of Delivery	Classroom Lectures	
Mode of Assessment		Weight%
Continuous Assessment		30%
Final Examination		70%
Total		100%
Course Lecture/Instructor	Prof. A. A. ATERE	
Course Description	wide range of issues that bother on morals and exceptions from law enforcement agents in carrying out their activities. In this course, ethics and ethical relativism and others such as the concepts of ethical Absolutism and pluralism emphasizing the existence of an eternal and unchanging moral law, the same for all people, at all times and places vis-à-vis the Pluralists argument that in most situation there are many truths rather than one single truth about morality which should form the basis of life and decision making is to be examined.	
Course Objectives	At the end of this course students should be able to know the wide range of issues that bother on morals and exceptions from law enforcement agents in carrying out their activities. In this course, ethics and ethical relativism and others such as the concepts of ethical Absolutism and pluralism emphasizing the existence of an eternal and unchanging moral law, the same for all people, at all times and places vis-à-vis the Pluralists argument that in most situation there are many truths rather than one single truth about morality which should form the basis of life and decision making is to be examined.	
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this course students will know the wide range of issues that bother on morals and exceptions from law enforcement agents in carrying out their activities. In this course, ethics and ethical relativism and others such as the concepts of ethical Absolutism and pluralism emphasizing the existence of an eternal and unchanging moral law, the same for all people, at all times and places vis-à-vis the Pluralists argument that in most situation there are many truths rather than one single truth about morality which should form the basis of life and decision making is to be examined.	
Teaching and Learning	The class will meet for two hours each week. Class time will be used for a combination of lectures and practical sessions	
Detailed Course Content	wide range of issues that bother on morals and exceptions from law enforcement agents in carrying out their activities. In this course, ethics and ethical relativism and others such as the concepts of ethical Absolutism and pluralism emphasizing the existence of an eternal and unchanging moral law, the same for all people, at all times and places vis-à-vis the Pluralists argument that in most situation there are many truths rather than one single truth about morality which should form the basis of life and decision making is to be examined.	
Course Content Sequencing		
Weeks	Detailed Course Outline	Allocated Time
Week 1	Introduction to Ethics and Law Enforcement	2 hours

	<p>Lecture: Understanding the Relationship between Ethics and Law Enforcement</p> <p>Discussion: Moral Dilemmas in Law Enforcement</p> <p>Assignment: Analyzing a Real-World Ethical Dilemma in Policing</p>	
Week 2	<p>Ethical Relativism</p> <p>Lecture: Exploring Ethical Relativism and Its Implications</p> <p>Discussion: Critiques and Challenges to Ethical Relativism</p> <p>Assignment: Case Study on Ethical Relativism in Law Enforcement</p>	2 hours
Week 3	<p>Ethical Absolutism</p> <p>Lecture: Examining Ethical Absolutism and Its Foundations</p> <p>Discussion: Strengths and Weaknesses of Ethical Absolutism in Policing</p> <p>Assignment: Ethical Absolutism in Historical Policing Practices</p>	2 hours
Week 4	<p>Ethical Pluralism</p> <p>Lecture: Introducing Ethical Pluralism and Its Key Tenets</p> <p>Discussion: Pluralism in Contemporary Policing Scenarios</p> <p>Assignment: Comparative Analysis of Ethical Pluralism and Absolutism</p>	2 hours
Week 5	<p>Moral Law and Universality</p> <p>Lecture: The Concept of an Eternal and Unchanging Moral Law</p> <p>Discussion: Ethical Universality in Different Cultures</p> <p>Assignment: Investigating the Role of Moral Law in International Law Enforcement</p>	2 hours
Week 6	<p>The Pluralist Perspective</p> <p>Lecture: Pluralists' Argument for Multiple Truths in Morality</p> <p>Discussion: Pluralism in Modern Multicultural Policing</p> <p>Assignment: Ethical Pluralism in Policing Approaches Worldwide</p>	2 hours
Week 7	<p>Ethics and Decision-Making</p> <p>Lecture: Ethics as a Foundation for Decision-Making in Law Enforcement</p> <p>Discussion: Case Studies in Ethical Decision-Making</p> <p>Assignment: Analyzing the Impact of Ethical Decision-Making on Police Operations</p>	2 hours
Week 8	<p>Ethical Challenges in Law Enforcement</p> <p>Lecture: Identifying Common Ethical Challenges Faced by Law Enforcement Agents</p> <p>Discussion: Strategies for Addressing Ethical Challenges</p> <p>Assignment: Ethical Dilemmas in Undercover Policing</p>	2 hours
Week 9	<p>Ethics and Police Accountability</p>	2 hours

	Lecture: The Role of Ethics in Police Accountability Discussion: Accountability Mechanisms and Their Effectiveness Assignment: Analyzing Recent Cases of Police Accountability	
Week 10	Contemporary Ethical Issues Lecture: Emerging Ethical Issues in Modern Law Enforcement Discussion: Technology, Use of Force, and Bias in Policing Assignment: Researching and Presenting on a Current Ethical Issue	2 hours
Week 11	Conclusion and Ethical Reflection Lecture: Reflecting on Ethical Perspectives in Law Enforcement Discussion: Personal Ethical Codes for Future Law Enforcement Agents Final Assignment: Writing an Ethical Code of Conduct for a Hypothetical Police Department	2 hours
Week 14	Examination	

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Week 1: Introduction to Ethics and Law Enforcement

Lecture: Understanding the Relationship between Ethics and Law Enforcement

Reference: Pollock, J. M. (2018). Ethical dilemmas and decisions in criminal justice. Cengage Learning.

Week 2: Ethical Relativism

Lecture: Exploring Ethical Relativism and Its Implications

Reference: Shafer-Landau, R. (2017). The fundamentals of ethics. Oxford University Press.

Week 3: Ethical Absolutism

Lecture: Examining Ethical Absolutism and Its Foundations

Reference: Kagan, S. (1998). Normative ethics. Westview Press.

Week 4: Ethical Pluralism

Lecture: Introducing Ethical Pluralism and Its Key Tenets

Reference: Baghramian, M. (2008). Relativism. Routledge.

Week 5: Moral Law and Universality

Lecture: The Concept of an Eternal and Unchanging Moral Law

Reference: Rachels, J., & Rachels, S. (2019). The elements of moral philosophy. McGraw-Hill Education.

Week 6: The Pluralist Perspective

Lecture: Pluralists' Argument for Multiple Truths in Morality

Reference: Hooker, B. (Ed.). (2003). Dimensions of moral theory: An introduction to metaethics and moral psychology. Rowman & Littlefield.

Week 7: Ethics and Decision-Making

Lecture: Ethics as a Foundation for Decision-Making in Law Enforcement

Reference: Pollock, J. M. (2018). Ethical dilemmas and decisions in criminal justice. Cengage Learning.

Week 8: Ethical Challenges in Law Enforcement

Lecture: Identifying Common Ethical Challenges Faced by Law Enforcement Agents

Reference: Albanese, J. S. (2017). Professionalism in policing: An introduction. Routledge.

Week 9: Ethics and Police Accountability

Lecture: The Role of Ethics in Police Accountability

Reference: Reisig, M. D., & Kane, R. J. (2009). Police ethics: The corruption of noble cause. Anderson Publishing.

Week 10: Contemporary Ethical Issues

Lecture: Emerging Ethical Issues in Modern Law Enforcement

Reference: Walker, S., & Katz, C. M. (2017). The police in America: An introduction. McGraw-Hill Education.

Week 11: Conclusion and Ethical Reflection

Lecture: Reflecting on Ethical Perspectives in Law Enforcement

Reference: Banks, C. (2019). Criminal justice ethics: Theory and practice. Sage Publications.