UCLouvain

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2017

Ethics and ICT

3 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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Teacher(s)	Gosseries Axel ;Pereira Olivier ;					
Language :	English Louvain-la-Neuve					
Place of the course						
Main themes	The themes change from year to year, and may include: - net neutrality and freedom of expression - intellectual property - privacy - crowdsourcing and the "sharing economy" - cryptocurrencies • - e-democracy					
Aims	Contribution of the course to the program objectives (N°) 3.2, 3.3 4.2, 4.3 5.2, 5.5, 5.6 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 Specific learning outcomes of the course a. Disciplinary Learning Outcomes Students having successfully followed this course will be: • understanding why ethical reasoning is relevant for their specific disciplinary domain and more generally; • ble to identify within an ICT ethical/policy question which parts of the debate have to do with factual questions and which parts belong to a properly ethical dimension and how they should be articulated; • able to formulate an ethical question when facing a technical choice with an ethical dimension, and dare stating and arguing for their own view on the question; • grasping the spirit of a method in ethics to answer a given question, in relation to ICT; • aware of the content of the central arguments and rationale on issues such as, for example, freedom of expression, intellectual property, privacy, e-democracy and how they lead to specific challenges in well defined ICT contexts. b. Transversal Learning Outcomes Students having successfully followed this course will be: • able to access the relevant sources on the topics seen in class and on other related ones; • able to work both individually and in group • able to answer a question in a short well-structured written format, in non-technical language; • able to present their work orally. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".					
Evaluation methods	The students will be graded, based on the learning outcomes described above, from oral examination and from essays that they will submit individually or in small groups. This may take the form of a short draft essay benefiting from a detailed feedback from the professors and from an oral discussion with colleagues before being handed in in final version. This may also take the form of a written exam during the exam session and/or of a long writing session in class during term time.					

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Teaching methods	a. Process organization The course is organized in two parts. In a first part, half days are dedicated to the study of specific themes. Students are required to prepare each of these half days through readings that are communicated beforehand. These half days may include the following activities: (1) presentation by the professors of some of the main arguments in the debate, (2) work in small teams on specific questions, (3) oral presentation of the results of each team and discussion. The second - and shorter - part of the course will be devoted to the production and presentation of students essays, based on the methodology developed earlier. b. Media Students will be provided for each specific theme with a short reading list. They will also be provided with a short general bibliography on the theme.
Content	The content will be adapted depending on the themes investigated in the class.
Inline resources	http://moodleucl.uclouvain.be/enrol/index.php?id=4833
Bibliography	Supports de cours, ouvrages de références,
Faculty or entity in charge	EPL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [120] in Data Science Engineering	DATE2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Electro- mechanical Engineering	ELME2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Electrical Engineering	ELEC2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Biomedical Engineering	GBIO2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Mathematical Engineering	MAP2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Computer Science and Engineering	INFO2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Political Sciences: General	SPOL2M	3		٩		
	ETES9CE	3		٩		
Master [120] in Chemical and Materials Engineering	KIMA2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Civil Engineering	GCE2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Physical Engineering	FYAP2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Computer Science	SINF2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in data Science: Information technology	DATI2M	3		٩		
Master [120] in Mechanical Engineering	MECA2M	3		٩		