

Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences



ESPO1321 Economic, Political and Social Ethics

[30h] 3 credits

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Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

This course gives students a synthetic and critical outline of the principal contemporary approaches to economic and social ethics. In this way, and through the effective use of analytical tools with which they are provided, the course aims to help students to take a critical and informed position towards the ethical issues which arise in the broad field covered by the economic, social and political sciences.

Main themes

Inevitably perhaps within economic and social debate, there is constant confusion between empirical comments, theoretical statements and value judgments. The course tries to teach students how to clarify this debate by distinguishing the various types of question, by clarifying the criteria which, for each type, should enable them to decide between competing positions, and examines how the value judgments which underlie the debate can themselves be the subject of a rigorous discussion.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisite: Students should ideally have some basic notions of economic culture, gained for example through an introductory course in Political Economics.

Evaluation: The evaluation is based on a short individually written text (written as an extension of the team work) and an oral interview which takes this text as a starting-point.

Other credits in programs

ANTR1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en anthropologie	(3 credits)	
ECGE13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en sciences économiques et de gestion	(3 credits)	Mandatory
ETES9CE	Certificat universitaire en éthique économique et sociale	(4 credits)	Mandatory
FSA3DA	Diplôme d'études approfondies en sciences appliquées	(3 credits)	
GRH1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en gestion des ressources humaines	(3 credits)	
HUSO13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en sciences humaines et sociales	(3 credits)	
INGE13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en ingénieur de gestion	(3 credits)	Mandatory
ISLE3DA/IS	Diplôme d'études approfondies en philosophie et lettres (philosophie)	(3 credits)	
ISP20	Licence à durée réduite en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISP21	Première licence en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISP22	Deuxième licence en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISPB9CE	Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	(3 credits)	
SOC1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en sociologie	(3 credits)	
SOCA13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en sociologie et anthropologie	(3 credits)	
SPED1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en sciences de la population et développement	(3 credits)	
SPOL13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en sciences politiques	(3 credits)	
TRAV1PM	Année d'études préparatoires au master en sciences du travail	(3 credits)	