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**BDS First Year
Ethics
Study Guide**

Introduction:

This course is meant for the non-Muslim students of BDS enrolled in AIDM. This course is in lieu of Islamic Studies that is meant for Muslim students only.

Ethics is a system of moral principles. They affect how people make decisions and lead their lives. It is concerned with what is good for individuals and society and is also described as moral philosophy. The term is derived from the Greek word ethos which means character or disposition.

Concepts of ethics have been derived from religions, philosophies and cultures. They infuse debates on topics like war, animal rights, capital punishment, abortion, human rights and professional conduct.

This course is being introduced for targeted audience in MBBS & BDS programs so that they get clear concepts about the basis of ethics and its development. It is hoped that it will provide them with a clearer understanding of issues related to medical ethics that will be taught later in the curriculum.

Credit hours: 3

Outcome:

By the end of the course, 1st year AIDM non Muslim students will be able to discuss the principles of ethics, philosophy and logic.

Teaching and learning:

Ethics classes will be conducted every alternate week with 8 one-hour interactive lecture (IL) and 8 two hours small group discussion (SGD), in total 16 sessions.

Assessment tools:

1. Multiple Choice Questions: (MCQs)
 - One Correct Type
 - One Best Type
2. Short Answer Questions: (SAQs)



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s.n o.	Topic	Course Objectives: By the end of the course, 1st year students will be able to:	Teaching method	Assessment Tool
1.	An Overview of Ethical Theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate among ethics, philosophy and morality • Define the following with examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Utilitarianism b) Deontology c) Social Contract Theory d) Virtue Theory e) Feminist Ethics 	IL	MCQs (1C)
2.	Worldview and Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly describe the four categories of philosophy with examples i.e. epistemology, logic, metaphysics, ethics, and aesthetics • Briefly describe the sub-categories of world view with examples i.e. naturalism, pantheism, theism, spiritism and polytheism, and postmodernism 	IL	MCQs (1C)
3.	Development of Critical Thinking Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define critical thinking • Briefly describe the history of critical thinking • List the advantages of critical thinking • Discuss how critical thinking can be developed in one-self 	IL SGD	SAQ
4	Introduction to Logic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare logic and reasoning • Differentiate between deductive and inductive logic • Differentiate between statements and propositions • Discuss the fundamental principles of logic 	SGD	SAQ
5	Introduction to Philosophy and Assessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the elements of Arguments • Describe how philosophical views affect argumentation 	SGD	MCQs (1C)



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	Arguments			
6	Religion and Morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the Concerns, Pre-Occupations and Constituent Elements of Religion and Morality 	SGD	MCQs (1C)
7	Moral Relativism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define moral relativism • Describe the various aspects of moral relativism 	IL	MCQs (1C)
8	Conflict of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define conflict of interest • Explain the various forms of conflict of interest 	IL	SAQ
9	Ethical Egoism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the main characteristics of ethical egoism 	IL	MCQs (1C)
10	Utilitarianism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the main characteristics of Utilitarianism 	IL	MCQs (1C)
11	Axiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate between axiology and ethics 	IL	MCQs (1C)
12	Deontology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the characteristics of Deontology and its role in ethics 	IL	MCQs (1C)
13	Ross's Moral Theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the various prima facie obligations according to Ross' theory 	IL	MCQs (1C)
14	Virtue Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define virtue ethics • Differentiate virtue ethics from utilitarianism and deontologism 	IL	MCQs (1C)
15	Applied Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate among normative ethics, metaethics and applied ethics • Provide examples of applied ethics 	IL	MCQs (1C)
16	Aesthetics and Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define aesthetics and its history • Differentiate between aesthetics and ethics with examples 	IL	SAQ
17	Ethics of Care vs. Ethics of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the differentiating characteristics between ethics of care and of justice 	SGD	MCQs (1C)



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Reading Sources:

Reading sources and presentations will be provided by JSMU uploaded on AIDM official website.

Assessment Criteria : 20% marks from internal assessment will be added to the final marks: Continuous assessment (10%), Mid-term examination (5%) & Mock examination (5%)

Annual Examination:

University Annual examination will be based on MCQs only.

Attempts:

The first attempt must be in the first professional examination. If failed, Students will have to pass this examination any time before graduation.

Course Evaluation:

Pass/fail ratio of continuous and summative assessments will be evaluated

75% attendance is mandatory to be eligible for annual professional examination

Feedback will be taken

- Regarding course from students and faculty
- Student feedback regarding faculty
- Faculty feedback of students

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