

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY**  
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

**Skill Enhancement Course SEC – II**  
**APPLIED ETHICS**

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
109S2A	Applied Ethics	SEC	Y	-	-	-	2	2	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Having knowledge in Philosophy										

<b>Learning Objectives</b>	
LO1	To provide an introductory background to ethics
LO2	Understand the importance of applying life values in life
LO3	To an intelligent analysis of contemporary issues.
LO4	In order to determine choices for resolving dilemmas
LO5	Students will be analyzing the problems and critically evaluating various possible solutions to problematic situations.

Units	<b>Course Syllabus</b>
Unit – 1	Definition and Scope - Nature and Scope of Applied Ethics. Its Importance for Society, Applied ethics and Science -
Unit – 2	Situational vs Absolute Ethics - Situation ethics (contextualism) - Elements of situation ethics - prefabricated decisions and prescriptive rules – Absolutism ethical theory.
Unit – 3	Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering - Basic Genetics; The Human Genome Project; Genetically Modified Food – Its Implications; Consumer Ethics and Rights; Cloning of Animals and Humans- Implications. Can Man Play God?
Unit – 4	Some Contemporary Issues - Abortion and Euthanasia; Cyber Ethics; Consumer Rights; Advertisement Ethics; Biodiversity and Environment; Science, professional ethics.
Unit – 5	Media ethics: Media ethics- ethics of newspaper journalism and digital media- cyber ethics

<b>Course out Come:</b>	
1.	This course will help the students to identify and critically evaluate arguments for different positions on controversial issues in applied Ethics.
2.	They will recognize the distinction between merely holding an ethical opinion and being able to give reasons.
3.	Will be able to give an argument for an ethical position.
4.	Will be able to argue effectively for a chosen ethical view.
5.	Help the students to address specific moral issues that affect real people in real situations.

<b>Books for Reading:</b>	
1. Cohen, Andrew I. & Wellman, Christopher Heath (eds.). Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics, 2nd	
2. Frey, R. G. (ed.). A Companion to Applied Ethics, Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell,	

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2005.
3. Singer, Peter. Practical Ethics, 3rd edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
4. Arthur, John. "Famine Relief and the Ideal Moral Code". In Ethics in Practice,
5. Walter Glannon, Biomedical Ethics, New Delhi; Oxford,2005.
<b>Reference Book:</b>
1. introduction to Applied Ethics Paperback – 22 February 2018 by Professor Robert L. Holmes
2. Perspectives in Applied Ethics, Dr. Prajna Prakasini Das Kanungo, Publisher: National Publishing House
3. Applied Ethics, Roosevelt Theodore

Web Resources
1. <a href="https://www.studocu.com/in/document/university-of-calicut/bcom/applied-ethics-and-its">https://www.studocu.com/in/document/university-of-calicut/bcom/applied-ethics-and-its</a> -
2. <a href="https://iep.utm.edu/applied-ethics/">https://iep.utm.edu/applied-ethics/</a>
3. <a href="https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Applied_ethics">https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Applied_ethics</a>

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>CO 4</b>	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 5</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

**Strong (3)      Medium (2)      Low (1)**

**Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 4</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 5</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Weightage</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS</b>	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

**Strong (3)      Medium (2)      Low (1)**