

MGT-495

Introduction to ethics & critical thinking

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Chimiste	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Managmt, dur et tech	MA1	Obl.
Minor in Engineering for sustainability	H	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Withdrawal	Unauthorized
Session	Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	During the semester
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	2 weekly
Lecture	1.71 weekly
Number of positions	40

It is not allowed to withdraw from this subject after the registration deadline.

Remark

Courses given on IMD Campus.

Summary

In a society that is changing at high speed, the solutions that we have learned and the challenges we face, do no longer fit together. The accelerating ecological crisis and digitalization are profoundly transforming our way of life. In times of great change and disorientation, ethics moves center s

Content

Block 1: 18.11 08:30-12:30

The great transformation - Understanding the multiple crises of our age

Block 2: 22.11. 08:30-12:30

Imaginaries of the future

Block 3: 25.11. 08:30-12:30

Ethical decision making

Block 4: 29.11. 08:30-12:30

Evil in organizations (1)

Block 5: 02.12. 08:30-12:30

Evil in organizations (2)

Block 6: 06.12. 08:30-12:30

Presentation of group works

Critical thinking

Keywords

business ethics; ecological transition, storytelling, critical thinking, unethical behavior

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

none

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Examine the various driving forces of the current societal crisis.
- Analyze sustainability narratives
- Manage ethical risks in organizations

Assessment methods

Your grade is based on two individual assignments and one group assignment.

Assignment 1 (group): Analyzing the CSR performance of companies critically (30% of the grade)

Delivery: Powerpoint presentation, 8 slides, groups of three students.

The assignment is due on December 4 at 24h. You will present in our final session on December 6.

Assignment 2 (individual): Analyzing corporate scandals (30% of the grade).

Delivery: Essay of 800 word, due on November 27 at 24h. We will discuss the cases in the session of December 2.

Assignment 3 (individual): Final ethical reflection essay (40% of the grade).

Delivery: Essay of 1000 words, due on December 22 at 24h.

Supervision

Office hours	No
Others	Please reach out at any time to me: guido.palazzo@unil.ch or come to my office: Unil, Internef building, 6th floor, office 615

Resources

Bibliography in the syllabus

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/MGT-495>