ENG-653

Ethical integrity in the sciences

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
EDOC General and external courses		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	1
Session	
Exam	Written
Workload	30h
Hours	**42**
Courses	20
Exercises	12
TP	10
Number of positions	**15**

Frequency

Only this year

Remark

The course will be given over three full days in Fall 2026, on the ETHZ campus.

Summary

Students receive an overview of philosophical ethics as well as of ethics in the sciences and humanities. In addition, workshops involving physical movement and verbal exchanges inspired by performance art practices emphasize that ethical integrity is something enacted and embodied in practice.

Content

In this course, doctoral students are sensibilized to ethical issues in the sciences.
Firstly, a general introduction to ethics as well as to ethics in the sciences will be given in a lecture and discussion format.
Secondly, selected topics of scientific integrity will be dealt with in an exemplary way in a mixed format, consisting of lectures and discussions as well as workshops.
Thirdly, specific problems of ethics and scientific integrity in certain disciplines will be addressed in group work in a workshop format.
Experimental parts: we will use performance arts to mediate learning objectives.

Note

Course dates: 23/10/2026, 30/10/2026, and 6/11/2026 from 9:30 to 17:30
Course location: ETH PB Labs (RZ building)

Keywords

Ethics
Ethical Integrity
Performance art

Learning Outcomes

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

- Identify and analyze ethical problems in their own scientific research
- Explore and examine their professional role as scientific researchers
- Demonstrate a deeper awareness of how ethics is enacted in practice

Resources

Moodle Link

- https://go.epfl.ch/ENG-653