

Certificate course in Basics of Ethics

Institute of Advanced Sciences (INADS)
Offered via INADS World Campus (IWC)

Course Overview

This is an introductory-level course that aims to acquaint students with the philosophical aspects of ethical evaluation. The aim is not to teach what is. It is not ethically good but to empower students with the skills necessary to make that decision for themselves when they encounter actual ethical problems or engage in ethical debates. This program is offered online through **INADS World Campus (IWC)** and combines **academic coursework with guided research and internship experiences**.

Course outcomes:

- (1) Understand the elements of ethical argumentation
- (2) Cultivate the ability to think independently about normative and meta-ethical issues.
- (3) Get a feel of doing philosophical analysis by dissecting complex ethical arguments, questioning assumptions, clarifying distinctions and bringing out the nuances involved in ethical dilemmas.
- (4) Develop analytical skills needed to argue cogently in ethical contexts by presenting views clearly, assessing competing positions systematically, anticipating possible objections to a reasoned conclusion and composing valid responses to those objections.

Syllabus

Module I: Introduction

Topic 1: Ethics and critical reasoning, argument analysis

Module II: Normativity Topic

2: Moral skepticism Topic

3: Idea of Goodness and Value

Module III: Normative ethical theories

Topic 4: Consequentialism

Topic 5: Non-consequentialism

Topic 6: Virtue

II. Eligibility & Prerequisites

Candidates must have Bachelor's degree in Philosophy/Psychology/ HSS.

Applicants must demonstrate **proficiency (minimum B grade)** in the following foundational areas:

- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Humanities/ Social science

Additionally:

Students must begin an **independent research project** with INADS faculty **within one month** of starting the program.

- Students must present **oral research updates twice per semester**.
- Progress is assessed **term-wise** by a faculty committee.