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**Syllabus**  
**2026 - 2027**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

| Data of the subject |                                                              |
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| Subject name        | Professional Ethics                                          |
| Subject code        | E000008003                                                   |
| Main program        | <a href="#">Bachelor's Degree in Criminology</a>             |
| Involved programs   | Grado en Criminología y Grado en Trabajo Social [Fifth year] |
| Level               | Reglada Grado Europeo                                        |
| Quarter             | Semestral                                                    |
| Credits             | 6,0 ECTS                                                     |
| Type                | Obligatoria (Grado)                                          |
| Department          | Departamento de Filosofía, Humanidades y Comunicación        |
| Schedule            | It will be determined at the beginning of the course.        |
| Office hours        | It will be determined at the beginning of the course.        |

| Teacher Information |                                             |
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT

| Contextualization of the subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Prerequisites</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>In the current social context, not only attention to the specific technical aspects of the profession is decisive for the professional exercise of any activity, but also the ability of professionals to create their own work space. This peculiarity, together with the sensitivity of the situations with which Criminology professionals have to deal, and the seriousness of the consequences that can follow from their actions and assessments, mean that a mere ethical sensitivity is not sufficient, which many times it translates into evaluations resulting from mere subjective intuitions.</p> <p>The Criminology professional must be able to adequately analyze and weigh the ethical and legal implications of the situations he faces, as well as the consequences that may follow from his interventions, because not only will they affect him personally, but, ultimately, ordinary,</p> |



will have consequences on the life and dignity of other people. Therefore, he must be able to analyze his decisions from the perspective of the rational and well-founded justification of his ethical criteria and evaluations.

The subject focuses on the knowledge, understanding and critical analysis of the conceptual scheme and methodologies on which the practice of Criminology should be based.

## Course contents

### Contents

- Basic concepts.
- Ethics in the field of profession.
- General principles of professional ethics and their application in the exercise of the profession. The application of AI-based tools in the professional field and their practical and ethical implications.
- What are deontological codes.
- Professional ethical dilemmas and resolution methods.

## EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

The use of AI to produce full assignments or substantial parts thereof, without proper citation of the source or tool used, or without explicit permission in the assignment instructions, will be considered plagiarism and therefore subject to the University's General Regulations.

| Evaluation activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Evaluation criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Weight |
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| Final Exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The final exam will consist of a written test on the theoretical content covered in the course, as well as its application.</li><li>• Under no circumstances will it be divided into separate exercises or exams.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding and reasoned explanation of theoretical concepts.</li><li>• Ability to synthesize and relate concepts.</li><li>• Connection between theoretical concepts and real professional practice.</li><li>• Grammar and spelling correction.</li></ul>                                                   | 65     |
| Individual or group works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They will be specified at the beginning of the subject.</li><li>• Submitting the document on time and in the correct manner will be an essential requirement for its presentation and defense before the professor. The work will be graded for the defense. Failure to comply with the deadlines and formalities will result in the denial of the defense and the subsequent failure of the work.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In each case: adaptation to the objectives and specifications set for the work.</li><li>• Coherence of the analysis and proposals proposed with the contents, recommendations and approaches of the subject.</li><li>• Correction and quality of oral or written expression.</li><li>• Originality.</li></ul> | 15     |



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| <p>Exercises or practical cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They will be determined at the beginning of the subject.</li><li>• Submitting the document on time and in the correct manner will be an essential requirement for its presentation and defense before the professor. The work will be graded for the defense. Failure to comply with the deadlines and formalities will result in the denial of the defense and the subsequent failure of the work.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In each case: adaptation to the objectives and specifications set for the work.</li><li>• Coherence of the analysis and proposals proposed with the contents, recommendations and approaches of the subject.</li><li>• Correction and quality of oral or written expression.</li><li>• Originality.</li></ul> | 20 |
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## Grading

### GRADING CRITERIA:

- For written assignments (individual, group, etc.), submission of the document on time and in the correct manner is considered an essential requirement for presentation and defense before the professor. The grade for the assignment will be the same as the defense.
- Failure to comply with the deadline or formal requirements will result in the denial of the defense and the subsequent failure of the assignment.
- The average grade for assignments, cases, or reports will only be determined when the final exam is passed (minimum passing grade: 5.00). If the exam is failed, the course will be graded with its grade.
- Committing a serious academic offense, such as plagiarizing previously published materials or copying an exam or other assessed activity, may result in disciplinary proceedings and the loss of any sittings established by the faculty regulations.
- For written assignments, a Turnitin score above 30% will require justification.
- **COLLABORATION WITH AI (Level 3):**
  - AI can be used to assist in completing the assignment, including idea generation, writing, feedback, and assessment. Students must critically evaluate and modify the outputs suggested by the AI, demonstrating their understanding.
  - You can use AI to perform specific tasks, such as writing texts, refining and assessing your work. You must critically evaluate and modify any AI-generated content you use.
  - Misuse of AIs by students will be considered a serious offense, according to the University's General Regulations, art. 168.2.e: "carrying out actions intended to falsify or defraud academic performance assessment systems."
  - The consequences of this may include "temporary expulsion for up to three months or a ban from taking the exam in the next session, or the imposition of a sanction, in one or more subjects in which the student is enrolled, [...] in addition to a failing grade (0) in the respective subject, [...] [and] a ban from taking the exam in that subject in the next session."
  - The use of AI to create complete or relevant parts of papers, without citing the source or tool, or without being expressly permitted in the work description, will be considered plagiarism and regulated in accordance with the University's General Regulations.
- Unjustified absence from more than 33% of class sessions may result in the loss of the right to take the exam in the sessions established by the Faculty's regulations (Article 93.1 of the General Regulations).
- Failure to attend the first hour of a double class will result in the application of a failure to attend the entire session, regardless of whether the student attends the second hour.
- The professor will determine the attendance monitoring system at the beginning of the course and will periodically inform students of their progress.
- Cases, assignments, or reports submitted after the deadline will be considered unsubmitted.



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- Failure to submit, present, or complete cases, assignments, reports, or exercises will result in a fail (zero) in the corresponding grading section.
- If the subject is failed in the regular session, the grades for the assignments, cases, reports, or exercises provided in this teaching guide and submitted in the regular session may be applied to the extraordinary grade. In this case, the student will only be required to complete the failed or unsubmitted assignments, cases, reports, or exercises.
- For our own students who are on an exchange abroad and must take an exam for the subject, or in any other case where class attendance is not required, the grading system will consist solely of a final theoretical exam on the content determined by the Area Coordinator. In these cases, the final grade will be the grade obtained on the exam.
- In the case of exchanges (Out), it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor well in advance to specify the exam content.
- Unless otherwise stated, in all exam sessions, assignments, and exercises of any kind must have a grade of at least 5.00 out of 10.00 to pass.

### In-person sessions may consist of:

- Master Classes: The teacher, using the master class methodology, will offer a theoretical and conceptual framework of the discipline and each topic, highlighting the fundamental aspects and elements for its understanding.
- Analysis of Issues and Cases in groups: Analogous to the previous one, but carried out in small groups to facilitate a dialogue more intense among students.
- Presentations of Cases prepared by students individually or in groups, inside or outside the classroom.
- A tutoring system is offered and recommended, so that students who wish to do so can obtain instructions and approaches from the teacher that can help them follow the subject.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

### Basic References

- Antón Prieto, J.I., La Criminología como Ciencia Social, pasado, presente y futuro. Quadernos de Criminología: Revista de Criminología y Ciencias Forenses. ISSN 1888-0665, N° 13, 2011, páginas 38-45.
- Hortal, Augusto, Ética General de las Profesiones. Desclee 2002.
- Etxeberria, X. Ética básica. Universidad de Deusto. 1998.
- Etxeberria, X. Temas básicos de ética. Desclee De Brower. 2002.
- Hortal, A. Ética profesional y universidad. Universidad Católica Andrés Bello. 2007.

The teacher may provide specific updated bibliography on the different topics, or at the request of the students.

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