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GENERAL INFORMATION

Data of the subject	
Subject name	Ethics
Subject code	DOI-GITI-411
Main program	Bachelor's Degree in Engineering for Industrial Technologies
Involved programs	Grado en Ingeniería en Tecnologías Industriales [Fourth year]
Level	Reglada Grado Europeo
Quarter	Semestral
Credits	3,0 ECTS
Type	Obligatoria (Grado)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT

Contextualization of the subject	
Prerequisites	



None.

A feature that is increasingly typical of some engineering courses – such as those taught at ICAI – is their generalist nature. And a clear reflection of this is the extraordinary breadth of professional activities that these engineers can access. It is not, therefore, strange to find engineers developing their professional careers not only in industrial organizations, or in positions with a technological profile, but also in sectors of activity such as finance, auditing, business consulting and, in short, any of the traditionally considered “management”. On the other hand, the number of engineers who direct their professional lives towards the development of their own business project is also increasing.

From this perspective, far from being a profession closed on itself, professional practice demands of these engineers the challenge of knowing how to contribute their effort and knowledge in contexts where they will inevitably and daily be faced with dilemmas and implications of an ethical nature regarding professional, which will not only affect them personally, but will also have consequences beyond their own lives.

To deal with these situations, mere ethical sensitivity is not enough, which sometimes translates into evaluations resulting from mere uncritical subjective intuitions. On the contrary, they must be able to perceive the ethical implications of the situations they face and the consequences that may follow from their decisions, in order to be able to assume them responsibly. And this from the perspective of the rational and well-founded justification of its ethical criteria and evaluations.

For all this, together with the specific technical training of their respective specialties, it is essential that the future engineer be trained to know how to address the ethical implications of his activity in a solvent and responsible manner.

Although it is a subject specifically oriented to the ethical aspects that arise in the professional practice of the engineer, among the general principles that this subject takes into account are the Sustainable Development Goals and that any professional activity must be carried out with respect for the fundamental rights and equality before the law. In this sense, respect and promotion of Human Rights and the principles of universal accessibility for people with disabilities are specifically promoted, as a basic condition for a society based on coexistence and dialogue.

Course contents

Contents

1. Anthropological foundations of professional ethics. Dignity and freedom. Responsibility concept.
2. The technological context. Efficiency and sustainability. Side effects. Social and environmental impact.
3. The corporate context. Economic and cultural paradigms. Market, strategies, tools and management policies. Social justice.

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation activities	Evaluation criteria	Weight
Final exam of theoretical and practical nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The teacher will communicate the characteristics of the exam and the correction and grading criteria with the necessary advance notice.• The student may always request the grading rubric during exam reviews. In the case of test exams, the rubric is replaced by the explanation of the correctness or	50 %



	<p>incorrectness of the answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the case of tests, the correction formula will always be specified.• The final exam will be unique, and in no case will it be "breakable" into different exams.	
<p>Continuous performance evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual or group practical work.• Projects developed by students.• Exercises or problems solved by students individually or in groups.• Short continuous evaluation tests.• Class participation.• Attendance and attitude in class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the beginning of the course, the types of work that make up this section, the delivery schedule and their weight in the grade will be communicated.• In the works will be especially valued the ability of synthesis, the ability to respond to the questions posed, the clarity of the conclusions and the visual quality of the presentation.• In every written exercise, a Turnitin index of 30% or higher will necessarily require justification.• Cases, papers or reports delivered after the deadline will be considered undelivered.• Failure to deliver or present cases, assignments or reports will result in failure (zero) in the corresponding grading section.• No test or exercise in this section may have a liberating nature applicable to the final exam.	<p>50 %</p>

Grading

The average grade for cases, reports and exercises of any type will be taken only when the final exam is passed. Otherwise, the final grade for the subject will prevail as the one corresponding to the exam.

Incurring a serious academic offense, such as plagiarism of previously published materials, or copying in exam or other evaluated activity, may imply the opening of a disciplinary file and the loss of the calls established for this purpose by the center's regulations. .

The improper use of ChatGPT, or any other IAG, by students will be considered a serious offense, according to the General Regulations of the University, art. 168.2.e: "carrying out actions aimed at falsifying or defrauding the academic performance evaluation systems." The consequences of this may be "temporary expulsion of up to three months or the prohibition of taking the exam in the next call to the imposition of the sanction, in one or several subjects in which the student is enrolled, [...] apart from suppose the grade of failure (0) in the respective subject, [...] [and] the prohibition of taking the exam for that subject in the next call."

Failure to attend more than 15% of the sessions may result in the loss of exam rights in the calls that the Regulations determine.

Failure to attend one of the hours of a double class will be counted as an absence from the entire session, regardless of whether or not the other is attended.

Except in the case of prior authorization, assignments, exercises or exams of any type that are not carried out will be graded zero.

The teacher, with prior approval from the subject Coordination, will determine if, in the case of failing the subject, in the 2nd and subsequent calls it will be required to do the work, cases, reports or practical exercises provided for in the programming and included in



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The evaluations (a) in calls other than the first and second, (b) for own students who are on exchange abroad and must take the subject, and (c) in any other case in which attendance is not required. class, will consist only of a final exam on the contents that the teacher determines with the necessary advance notice.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, in all calls the exams, assignments and exercises of any type must have a grade of at least 5.00 out of 10.00 to pass.

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