

Ethics in Action Course Syllabus

Module 1: Introduction to Ethics in Action

- 1.1 Sustainable Development and the Need for Ethics in Action
- 1.2 The History of Sustainable Development and the SDGs
- 1.3 The Moral and Practical Limits of Global Capitalism
- 1.4 Moral Teachings and Sustainable Development: An Overview from the World's Religions

Module 2: Religion and Virtue Ethics - Part I

- 2.1 Lessons from Classical Greece
- 2.2 Lessons from Classical China
- 2.3 A Hindu Perspective
- 2.4 A Buddhist Perspective

Module 3: Religion and Virtue Ethics - Part II

- 3.1 A Jewish Perspective
- 3.2 A Catholic Perspective
- 3.3 A Protestant Evangelical Perspective
- 3.4 An Islamic Perspective
- 3.5 An Indigenous Perspective

Module 4: The Virtuous Society

- 4.1 Virtue Ethics as a Multi-Religious Consensus
- 4.2 Inquiry and Moral Reasoning
- 4.3 Spirituality and the Common Good
- 4.4 Virtue Ethics and Science
- 4.5 Gender Equality: A Confucian Perspective

Module 5: Poverty and Inequality

- 5.1 The Challenge of Global Poverty
- 5.2 The Rights to Health, Education, and Decent Work
- 5.3 Christian Social Teachings on Poverty
- 5.4 Ethical Conduct Towards the Vulnerable
- 5.5 Ethical Actions to End Poverty

Module 6: Peace

- 6.1 The State of Conflict around the World
- 6.2 Barriers to Lasting Peace among and within Nations

- 6.3 Tenets of Peace of the World's Religions
- 6.4 Religion and Peacebuilding
- 6.5 Actions for a Lasting Peace: Lessons from Syria

Module 7: Refugees, Trafficking, and Modern Slavery

- 7.1 Drivers of Migration, Human Trafficking, and Modern
- 7.2 The Ethics of Migration and Refugees
- 7.3 The Ethics of Modern Slavery and Trafficking
- 7.4 Political and Social Responses to Forced Migration

Module 8: Environmental Justice

- 8.1 Environmental Perils Facing the Planet
- 8.2 A Hindu Approach to Environmental Care
- 8.3 *Laudato Si'* and Climate Justice
- 8.4 The Rights of Indigenous Populations
- 8.5 Defending our Common Home: Global and Local Actions

Module 9: Politics and Power

- 9.1 Politics, Power, and the Common Good
- 9.2 The Moral Underpinnings of Statecraft
- 9.3 Ethics and the International Political Order
- 9.4 Corruption and Politics Today

Module 10: Business, Work, and the Common Good

- 10.1 The Moral Basis for Business Activity
- 10.2 Corruption and Global Business
- 10.3 Technology and the Dignity of Work
- 10.4 Business Leadership for Community Well-being

Course Conclusion: Towards a New Virtue Ethics for Sustainable Development

Examining Ethics in Action: Case Studies

- Pope Francis and Multi-Faith Action
- Religions for Peace
- Community-based Healthcare in Africa
- Health and Climate Change
- Reflections from the Business Community
- Move Humanity