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