

Global Ethics (A001470)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	lecture
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Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Sterckx, Sigrid	LW01	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (main subject Moral Sciences)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (main subject Philosophy)	5	A
Master of Arts in Global Studies	5	A
Master of Arts in Moral Sciences	5	A
Master of Arts in Philosophy	5	A
Research Master of Arts in Philosophy	5	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Global ethics

Global justice

Position of the course

This course builds upon the thorough introductions to ethics provided in the 3 BA years.

As far as its contents are concerned, it aims at acquiring knowledge of a recently established and strongly flourishing domain within theoretical and practical ethics. With regard to skills, the course strives to develop heuristic skills to be applied independently by the students.

As far as attitudes are concerned, this course aims to stimulate global responsibility.

Contents

The possible orientations and contents of a global ethics.

Implications of globalisation for individual responsibility.

Specific case studies of current societal problems linked to globalisation.

Initial competences

Understanding the basic concepts, central approaches, theoretical frameworks and important developments in ethics.

Final competences

- 1 Understanding the complexity of the problems facing a globalised world with regard to moral values and norms.
- 2 Being able to assess publications relevant to global ethics and global justice (in academic journals as well as media reports) as regards their relevance, strength of argumentation, and scientific evidence base.
- 3 Knowledge of key sources regarding globalisation, world ethics and world politics.
- 4 Being capable of understanding, critically commenting and independently applying general theoretical approaches and specific arguments in the field of

global ethics.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

Personal support if needed (by appointment).

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

- Written exam
- In accordance with the official teaching language, the written exam will take place in English. For any exception to this principle, the permission of both the student administration and the lecturer are required.

Calculation of the examination mark

Written exam (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours
3. The examination cannot be rescheduled.

Extra information:

The texts that need to be studied for the exam are on Ufora, so students have to check the website regularly

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy