



GE302 Professional Ethics for Engineers (Required Course)

Code and Name: GE302 Professional Ethics for Engineers

Credit Hours: 2 (Lecture: 2, Tutorial: 1)

Textbook:

- Engineering Ethics, Charles B. Fleddermann, 4th Edition, Pearson, 2012.

Other References:

- Principles of ethics in Islam (Quran and Sunnah)
- Arabic written literature (Islamic Ethics)
- Professional societies, code of ethics and conducts

Course Description:

Introduction to engineering ethics; definition of a profession, personal and professional ethics, explore many of the ethical issues, discussion of ethical theories, code of ethics, problem solving techniques. Introduce engineer's rights and responsibilities. Assess Safety, risk and accidents. Explain the Rights and Responsibilities of Engineers.

Pre-requisites: None.

Co-requisites: None

Course Learning Outcomes:

With relation to ABET Student Outcomes (SOs: 1-7)

1. Define profession and professional societies. (2)
2. Write a code of ethics and know how to apply them. (2)
3. Judge and evaluate different engineering ethical cases.
4. Use problem solving techniques such as line drawing and flowcharting to ethical cases. (2)
5. Recognize ethical conflicts in the work environment. (2)
6. Explain the Rights and Responsibilities of Engineers. (2)

Topics to be covered:

- Introduction: Background Ideas - Why Study Engineering Ethics? - Engineering Is Managing the Unknown - Personal vs. Professional Ethics
- The Origins of Ethical Thought - Ethics and the Law - Ethics Problems Are Like Design Problems - Case Studies
- Professionalism and Codes of Ethics - Is Engineering a Profession? - Code of ethics
- Understanding Ethical Problems - A Brief History of Ethical Thought - Ethical Theories - Non-Western Ethical Thinking
- Ethical Problem-Solving Techniques
- Introduction: Line drawing - Flow charting - Conflict of interest - Analysis of Issues in Ethical Problems
- Risk, Safety, and Accidents
- Introduction - Safety and Risk - Accidents
- The Rights and Responsibilities of Engineers
- Introduction - Professional Responsibilities
- Professional Rights - Whistle-Blowing - Ethical issues in engineering practices.

Grading Policy:

The grading for the course are 60% coursework and 40% Final Exam. The course work consists of two Midterm Exams, where each midterm exam is worth 20%. It also includes quizzes, homework, and projects for the remaining 20% that is modified by the course instructor.

