



**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI
(EMPOWERED AUTONOMOUS
INSTITUTE)
DEPARTMENT OF INTER-RELIGIOUS
STUDIES
(DIRS)**



**ONLINE DIPLOMA COURSE IN
COMPARATIVE AND APPLIED ETHICS
AUGUST 2024 – JANUARY 2025**

About the course:

This course is divided into two parts: “Comparative and Normative Ethics” & “Applied Ethics”.

Participants can choose to do:

1. A *Certificate Course* in “Comparative and Normative Ethics” (Modules 1 & 2)
2. A *Certificate Course* in “Applied Ethics” (Modules 3 & 4)
3. *Modular certificates* for individual modules (there are 4 modules in all)
4. A *Diploma Course* which covers all four modules

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE :

Ethics is a fundamentally important aspect of personal and social life. Human beings are endowed with the ability to make practical judgements and decisions concerning realities which transcend the natural or factual order of existence. Such decisions are based on various factors such as inclination, education, insight, convention, influence, conviction and argumentation.

While a large segment of ethical reflection and action may be rooted in cultural, religious and legal traditions, the subject itself has been formally and systematically reflected upon in the world of academia ever since the inception of organized education in different parts of the world. The academic field of ethics has traditionally been hosted by the larger discipline of Philosophy, especially in higher educational institutions. However, ethics—especially applied ethics—has gained prominence in various professional fields such as health care, business, law, scientific research and public policy, and the subject may soon develop into an autonomous academic discipline of its own, very much like the social sciences developed autonomy from the larger discipline of Philosophy a few centuries ago in the world of academia.

There are two major aspects of ethics. One is the **theoretical aspect of ethics**, usually divided into descriptive or positive ethics (the “is” dimension of ethics, or the comparative study of regulative policies and practices historically and currently in place), normative ethics (the “ought” dimension of ethics, or the study of various ethical theories which propose diverse criteria to judge what is good and right) and metaethics (reflection over the nature of primary ethical concepts). The second is the **practical aspect of ethics** or what is commonly and even technically known as applied ethics. Applied ethics includes a reflection over both descriptive and normative ethics related to various fields of human action—personal, social, professional and institutional.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The main **objectives of the course** are as follows:

For Comparative and Normative Ethics :

1. Becoming conversant with the major classical and contemporary positions within ethical theory.
2. Distinguishing between the unique ethical worldviews of major religious traditions.
3. Recognizing the ethical assumptions of major types of social developmental positions.
4. Becoming critically aware of contemporary cultural issues and their ethical bases and implications.

For Applied Ethics :

1. Understanding the ethical factors entailed in scientific and technological innovation.
2. Becoming aware of diverse biomedical options and their consequences affecting human and animal life.
3. Recognizing significant ethical aspects of legal interpretation and application.
4. Critically evaluating the ethical aspects of political and economic policies.

Conceived and Designed by :

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& the DIRS Student team

Platform:

Classes will be conducted online. [Monday and Thursday, from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.]

Eligibility criteria: Higher Secondary School Certificate (Grade 12) & good knowledge of English (as some reference material will require good language comprehension)

Minimum attendance : 75%

Study Material : Will be provided by the resource persons

RESOURCE PERSONS FOR THE COURSE:

Sr.No.	Name of the Resource Person
1	Dr. Aparna Kulkarni, B. A., Economics, M.A., Economics, M.A., Philosophy, Ph.D., Economics, University of Mumbai
2	Mr. Irfan Engineer, B. Sc., L. L. B., University of Mumbai
3	Mr. Kishu Daswani, B.Sc. Life Sciences, Biochemistry, LL.B., Government Law College, Mumbai University, LL.M. Commercial Laws, Government Law College, Mumbai University
4	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ, B. Sc. Physics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, M. A. Philosophy, University of Mumbai, M. Th., Jnana Deepa Institute, Pune, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Marquette University, USA
5	Dr. Lilly Pereira, Ph. D. Philosophy, Innsbruck, Austria
6	Dr. Manjiri Thakoor, B.F.A., M.A., Ancient Indian Culture, Ph. D.
7	Dr. Neelam Shetty, M. Com., PGDBA, M. Phil, Ph. D.
8	Dr. Nishant Irudayadason, Ph. D. Philosophy, Universite Paris-Est, France
9	Dr. Patricia Santos, M. A., Psychology, Ph. D. Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
10	Dr. Rashmi Lee George, B. A. English Literature, M. A., English Literature, Ph.D., SNDT University, Mumbai
11	Dr. Radha Kumar, M. A. Ancient Indian Culture, Osmania University, Hyderabad, M. Mus(Sitar), Gandharva Mahavidhyalaya, Hyderabad, M. Mus(Bharatanatyam) Gandharva Mahavidhyalaya, Hyderabad, Ph. D. Ancient Indian Culture, K. J. Somaiya Buddhist Centre, University of Mumbai
12	Dr. (Fr.) Rene Micallef, SJ, Ph.D, Professor of Moral Theology and Social Ethics, Gregorian University, Rome
13	Dr. S.M. Michael, B.A. Philosophy - Jnana Deepa Institute, M.A. Cultural Anthropology, Pune University, Ph.D. Sociology & Cultural Anthropology, University of Mumbai.
14	Dr. Stephen Fernandes, Ph. D. Moral Theology, <i>Academia Pontificia Alfonsiana</i> , Italy
15	Dr. Victor Ferrao, Ph. D. Philosophy, Jnana Deepa Institute, Pune

MODULE-WISE HOURS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

1. COMPARATIVE AND NORMATIVE ETHICS

Module-wise sessions	Hours	Resource persons
Module 1: Philosophical and Religious Ethics		
Introduction: Ethical perspectives from Universalism to Relativism	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Ethics of the Good (Teleology) and the Right (Deontology)	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Relationship between Religion and Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Indic Ethics	2	Dr. Radha Kumar
Natural Law and Virtue Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
West Asian Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza Adv. Irfan Engineer
Contemporary Ethical Issues	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Feminist Ethics (including Care Ethics)	2	Dr. (Sr.) Patricia Santos
MODULE1: Total Hours = 16		
Module 2: Social and Cultural Ethics		
Social Ethics		
Liberal (Personalist) Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Liberationist (Collectivist) Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Socially Critical Ethics (Critical Theory)	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Developmental Ethics (Capability Approach)	2	Dr. (Sr.) Lilly Pereira
Cultural Ethics		
Classical, Modern and Post-Modern Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Nishant Irudayadason
Ethnocentrism and Relativism	2	Dr. (Fr.) S. M. Michael
Cultural domination and assimilation (master-slave ethics: postcolonial and socially hierarchical critique)	2	Dr. Rashmi Lee George
Art and Ethics	2	Dr. Manjiri Thakoor
MODULE2 : Total Hours = 16		

2. APPLIED ETHICS

Module-wise sessions	Hours	Resource persons
Module 3: Ethics of Science and Bioethics		
Ethics of Science and Technology		
Introduction: Social and Ethical aspects of Science and Technology	2	Dr. (Fr.) Victor Ferrao
Technology and Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Cyber Ethics	2	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
Environmental Ethics	2	Dr. Roymon T. C.
Bioethics		
Ethics of Medical Science	2	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
Biomedical Ethics: Birth and Death issues	2	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
Biomedical Ethics: other issues	2	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
Animal Rights	2	Dr. Trevor Allis
MODULE 3: Total 16 hours		
Module 4: Legal, Political and Economic Ethics		
Legal Ethics		
Fundamental Rights and due process of law (Constitutional Morality)	2	Adv. Kishu Daswani
Natural Justice and Conflict of Interest	2	Adv. Kishu Daswani
Compensatory mechanisms and punishment in Civil and Criminal Law	2	Adv. Kishu Daswani
Social Inclusion (minority rights, affirmative action, migration)	2	Dr. (Fr.) Rene Michaffe, SJ
Political and Economic Ethics		
State and Individual: Responsibility and Accountability	2	Dr. Aparna Kulkarni
Sovereignty and International Ethics	2	Dr. Aparna Kulkarni
Business Ethics	2	Dr. Neelam Shetty
Corporate Social Responsibility	2	Dr. Neelam Shetty
MODULE 4 : Total 16 hours		

TIME-TABLE FOR THE DIPLOMA

TIME-TABLE FOR COMPARATIVE AND NORMATIVE COURSE

Sr. No.	Date	Topic	Resource Person
		MODULE 1: Philosophical and Religious Ethics	
1	05-08-2024	Introduction: Ethical Perspectives from Universalism to Relativism	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
2	08-08-2024	Ethics of the Good (Teleology) and the Right (Deontology)	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
3	12-08-2024	Relationship between Religion and Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
4	15-08-2024	Indic Ethics	Dr. Radha Kumar
5	19-08-2024	Natural Law and Virtue Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
6	22-08-2024	West Asian Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ Adv. Irfan Engineer
7	26-08-2024	Contemporary Ethical Issues	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
8	29-08-2024	Feminist Ethics (including Care Ethics)	Dr. (Sr.) Patricia Santos
		MODULE 2 : Social and Cultural Ethics	
		Social Ethics	
9	02-09-2024	Liberal (Personalist) Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
10	05-09-2024	Liberationist (Collectivist) Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
11	09-09-2024	Socially Critical Ethics (Critical Theory)	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
12	12-09-2024	Developmental Ethics (Capability Approach)	Dr. (Sr.) Lilly Pereira
		Cultural Ethics	
13	16-09-2024	Classical, Modern and Post-Modern Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Nishant Irudayadason
14	19-09-2024	Ethnocentrism and Relativism	Dr. (Fr.) S. M. Michael
15	23-09-2024	Cultural domination and assimilation (master-slave ethics: postcolonial and socially hierarchical critique)	Dr. Rashmi Lee George
16	26-09-2024	Art and Ethics	Dr. Manjiri Thakoor

TIME-TABLE FOR APPLIED ETHICS COURSE

No.		Topic	Resource Person
		Module 3: Ethics of Science and Bioethics	
		Ethics of Science and Technology	
1	25-11-24	Introduction: Social and Ethical aspects of Science and Technology	Dr. (Fr.) Victor Ferrao
2	28-11-24	Technology and Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
3	02-12-24	Cyber Ethics	Dr. (Fr.) Keith D'Souza, SJ
4	05-12-24	Environmental Ethics	Dr. Roymon T. C.
		Bioethics	
5	09-12-24	Ethics of Medical Science	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
6	12-12-24	Biomedical Ethics: Birth and Death issues	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
7	16-12-24	Biomedical Ethics: other issues	Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Fernandes
8	19-12-24	Animal Rights	Dr. Trevor Allis
		Module 4: Legal, Political and Economic Ethics	
		Legal Ethics	
9	06-01-25	Fundamental Rights and due process of law (Constitutional Morality)	Adv. Kishu Daswani
10	09-01-25	Natural Justice and Conflict of Interest	Adv. Kishu Daswani
11	13-01-25	Compensatory mechanisms and punishment in Civil and Criminal Law	Adv. Kishu Daswani
12	16-01-25	Social Inclusion (minority rights, affirmative action, migration)	Dr. (Fr.) Rene Micallef, SJ,
		Political and Economic Ethics	
13	20-01-25	State and Individual: Responsibility and Accountability	Dr. Aparna Kulkarni
14	23-01-25	Sovereignty and International Ethics	Dr. Aparna Kulkarni

No.		Topic	Resource Person
15	27-01-25	Business Ethics	Dr. Neelam Shetty
16	30-01-25	Corporate Social Responsibility	Dr. Neelam Shetty

EVALUATION FOR CERTIFICATION:

Evaluation: Quizzes and Assignments for Modules. Participation in the assessment is compulsory for a 'Certificate of Completion' or the 'Diploma'. If a participant does not complete the assessment then a 'Certificate of Participation' will be issued.

REGISTRATION LINK FOR THE COURSE:

<https://forms.gle/yGiiYUkvPv79dYzf9>

Kindly Register before **July 15, 2024**

DETAILS ABOUT CERTIFICATION:

There will be several types of certifications:

Level of Participation	% of attendance	Certification
Attended Modules 1 & 2 without evaluation (auditing the course)	75	<i>Participation Certificate</i> in Comparative and Normative Ethics
Attended Modules 1 & 2 with evaluation	75	<i>Certificate of Completion</i> in Comparative and Normative Ethics
Attended Modules 3&4 without evaluation (auditing the course)	75	<i>Participation Certificate</i> in Applied Ethics
Attended Modules 3&4 with evaluation	75	<i>Certificate of Completion</i> in Applied Ethics
Attended a particular Module (1 or 2) without evaluation (auditing the module)	75	<i>Participation Certificate</i> in Comparative and Normative Ethics (Module name will be mentioned)
Attended a particular Module (3 or 4) without evaluation (auditing the module)	75	<i>Participation Certificate</i> in Applied Ethics (Module name will be mentioned)
Attended all Modules 1,2,3 and 4 without evaluation (auditing the course)	75	<i>Participation Certificate</i> in Comparative, Normative and Applied Ethics
Attended all Modules 1,2,3 and 4 with evaluation	75	<i>Diploma</i> in Comparative, Normative and Applied Ethics

FEES FOR THE COURSE (SUBSIDISED):

Participants can complete the entire diploma or select specific modules within the course. Once a module is selected, the entire module has to be covered.

For Indian Participants:

Diploma Fees:

- General Public : Rs. 5,000/- + GST Rs. 900/=Total 5900/- (no GST for St. Xavier's College, Mumbai Staff or Students)
- Teachers and Students : Rs. 2,500/- + GST Rs. 450/=Total 2950/- (no GST for St. Xavier's College, Mumbai Staff or Students)

Module Fees :

- Rs. 500/- per module + GST Rs. 90 = Total 590/- per module (no GST for St. Xavier's College, Mumbai Staff or Students)

For Foreign participants:

Diploma Fees:

- General Public: 500 US Dollars
- Teachers and Students: 250 US Dollars

Module Fees:

- General Public: 50 US Dollars
- Teachers and Students: 25 US Dollars

SEATS AVAILABLE:

Total seats available for the course: 40.

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