Ethics and Culture

Academic Year: (2021 / 2022)

Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: Philosophy, Language, Literature Theory Department Coordinating teacher: VELASCO ARIAS, GONZALO

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

Branch of knowledge: Arts and Humanities

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

18363. Philosophy through History and Culture

18359. Cultural Anthropologi

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

The course aims to analyze culture as an ethical construction and, subsidiarily, ethics as cultural production. The practice and theorizations of culture are ways of handling central concepts of the ethical tradition, which are implicitly manifested in literature and art, in religious experience, or in the diverse manifestations of popular culture. There is no moral concept that does not have its counterpart in the cultural, so that a rigorous ethical analysis of culture ends up being equivalent to the tracing of a very precise map of cultural practices.

More specifically, the premise of this program will be the recovery of an idea of ethics as the pursuit of the good life, which is intimately linked to the idea of "ways of living". Unlike the individualistic "lifestyles" of the variety magazines, a "way of life" necessarily implies a management of individual ends that takes into account the objective circumstance and collective life. From this assumption, the course will analyze forms of alienation that primarily affect the way of life. It will serve, therefore, as a study of contemporary social pathologies, for which it will draw on the theoretical tradition of critical theory in its most recent developments.

# ABOUT CULTURE AS ETHICS

- 1. Ethical models of culture: habit, norm, discomfort, debt, discipline, excess, transgression
- 2. Culture as the production of norms and repertoire of values.
- 3. Ethics, community and prejudice: the collective sources of the self in modernity (late)

# CULTURE, SUBJECTIVITY AND POWER RELATIONS

- 4. Culture, identity and processes of subjectivation.
- 5. Ideology: uses and history of a concept.
- 6. Hegemony, culture and common sense.
- 7. Cultural criticism and emancipation: another name for ethics?

## THE FORM OF CULTURAL CONFLICTS

- 8. Cultural distinction and exclusion
- 9. Normative potential of the awareness of injustice in subordinate groups.
- 10. Ethical and epistemic decolonization processes: ethics of miscegenation.
- 11. The multiculturalist program and its failures.
- 12. Interculturality and intersectionality: state of the question.

# LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The course will consist of a theoretical part and a practical part in which relevant texts and creative artistic manifestations will be discussed in order to exemplify and problematise the contents of the subject.

The lecturer will present the general contents and the associated texts. Each session will end with the posing of one or more problems and research questions. The lecturer will indicate which texts are recommended for further investigation of these questions and problems.

Discussions will be held with students to check the degree of understanding of the contents and to help resolve any doubts raised. The forum in Aula Global will be the tool used to create a thread and an

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archive of the questions, doubts, problems and secondary references raised in class. Students will contribute to the writing of forum entries, summarising sessions and discussions.

### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT.

3 reports of 1000 words (20% each), presenting and systematising some of the problems analysed in the practical classes (small groups) or theoretical classes, based on questions given in advance by the lecturer. The report must include the bibliography consulted to tackle these theoretical-practical problems.

Final exam (40%). It will be carried out remotely synchronously. It will consist of a multiple response questionnaire and justification of the chosen option, case studies and text identification.

### FINAL EXAM

100% of the grade will be determined through a final exam that will be carried out remotely synchronously, consisting of a multiple-choice questionnaire and justification of the chosen option, case studies and cross-sectional development questions.

% end-of-term-examination:	40
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals):	60

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