

General Information	Title, code, and number of credits of the course:	PSYCH 435, Professional Ethics of Psychologists, 3KU (6AKTS)	
	Department:	Psychology	
	Program:	Bachelor	
	Semester:	Fall, 2023	
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	Course Consultation:	Tuesday and Thursday 16:00-18:00 at the university by appointment or online (around 10-15 minutes).	
Language of Instruction	English		
Type of Course	Elective		
Required Textbooks and Readings	<p>Main textbooks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists. • Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition. <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knapp S., Berman J., Gottlieb M., Handelsman M. (2007). When Laws and Ethics Collide: What Should Psychologists Do? APA. • Francis, R. D. 2009. Ethics for Psychologists. 2nd edition. 		
Learning Activities and Teaching Methods	Lectures		
	Class discussion		
	Practical activities		
	Case studies		
Assessment Methods	Components	Date/deadline	Percentage (%)
	Midterm	8 th week	30
	Class	During semester	5

	Participation (Contributing to class discussions, sharing insights, integrating comments during the lecture time)		
	Reading Assignments and Reflection Papers (Readings of assigned literature, attending class prepared, writing reflection essays)	During the semester	10
	Attendance (Not exceeding the absence limit determined by the university)	During the semester	5
	Group presentation (presenting topics as a group, presentation should be more than a summary of the literature)	During the semester	10
	Final exam	January	40
	Total		100
Course Description	An in-depth exploration of the values and ideas that guide professional practice in psychology, including professional codes of conduct and philosophical ethical principles. The general education course in ethics aims to equip students to become morally responsible individuals, capable and compassionate workers, and knowledgeable and involved citizens. To do this, the courses offer providing students with the intellectual framework necessary for making informed, judgments that are thorough and coherent regarding one's personal, professional, and public moral dilemmas.		

Course aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students with a broad overview and general understanding of the many ethical questions and dilemmas that psychologists encounter. • Familiarize students with the role of ethical behavior and decision-making in professional practice. • Help students clarify and understand how their own values impact the ethical choices they will be called to make in their everyday practice. 	
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the semester, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the major components of ethical principles for psychologists. • Learn how to make good decisions about ethical issues in psychology using a comprehensive decision-making procedure which includes the APA Ethics Code, general ethical principles, and other sources of guidance. • Understand how their own value system is affecting and is likely to impact therapeutic practice. 	
Rules	<p><i>Attendance.</i> It is important for students to attend all classes. If a student is unable to attend classes for a valid reason (illness, family status, etc.), they must report the matter to the faculty dean. It is expected students attend the class prepared and actively participate during class discussions.</p> <p><i>Laptops, Cell Phones, and Other Devices.</i> Please make sure that your cell phone and other devices are set to silent or vibration during the class period. Activities using cell phones and other devices, such as text messaging, taking pictures, and using social media are not permitted in the classroom. Active use of electronic devices during discussions creates a distraction for me, and others.</p> <p><i>Respect and Courtesy.</i> Unethical discussion and behavior of students in the classroom is strictly prohibited. This class may cover some controversial issues for educational purposes, and you may encounter different values and views expressed by other students or the instructor. Please remember to have respect and courtesy toward each other and appreciate the diversity in class. Any disrespectful comments or behaviors are not permitted in this class.</p> <p><i>Academic Ethics.</i> Cheating or any other academic dishonesty including plagiarism will result in a serious consequence, including, but not limited to, getting zero (0) points on the given quiz, exam, or paper. The results of students engaged in academic dishonesty will be canceled.</p>	
Marking Criteria	<p>Presentation Information: detailed, accurate, relevant; key points highlighted; Structure: rigorously argued, logical, easy to follow; Analysis and Interpretation: extensive evidence of independent thought and critical analysis; Use of relevant and accurate Evidence: key points supported with highly relevant and accurate evidence, critically evaluated; Presentation Skills: clear, lively, imaginative; good use of visual aids (where appropriate); Time Management: perfectly timed, well organised; Group Skills: engages well with group; encourages discussion and responds well to questions.</p>	
Schedule (can be changed)		
Week	Topics	Readings

1	Conceptual Issues in Ethics. Background to Ethics. Remedial and Positive Ethics.	Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists. Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.
2	General Principles in Psychology. Beneficence and nonmaleficence. Fidelity and Responsibility. Integrity. Justice. Respect for People’s Rights and Dignity.	American Psychological Association. Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct.
3	Competence. Personal Fitness, Qualifications, and Training Issues. Exceptions to Competence.	Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists. Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.
4	Privacy and Confidentiality. Record Keeping and Fees.	Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists. Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.
5	Research and Publication. Assessment. Striving for Highest Ideas as a Researcher. Key concepts in Tests and Measurements.	Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition. Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists.
6	Psychotherapy: Ethical Obligations of Psychologists.	Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.
7	Ethical Challenges in Working With Human Diversity.	Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th

		<p>edition.</p> <p>Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists.</p>
8	Multiple Relationships and Professional Boundaries. Attraction, Romance, and Intimacy with Clients and Subordinates.	<p>Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.</p> <p>Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists.</p>
9	Midterm	
10	Forensic Psychology. Confidentiality and Record Keeping in Forensic Settings.	<p>Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.</p> <p>Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists.</p>
11	Similarities and differences of ethical principles in world practice with the law for psychologists in the Republic of Azerbaijan	Psixoloji yardım haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu. Təhsil müəssisələrində psixoloji xidmətin təşkili qaydaları.
12	Ethical Issues in Couples and Family Therapy. Ethical Issues in Group Work.	Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.
13	Ethical Decision Making. Taking Action	<p>Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.</p> <p>Knapp, S. J. & VandeCreek, L.D. 2009. Practical Ethics for Psychologists.</p>
14	Challenging Work Settings. The Armed Services. School Systems. Community Agencies. Practical Issues in Ethics.	Koocher, G. P. & Keith-Spiegel, P. 2016. Ethics in Psychology and the Mental Health Professions. 4th edition.

		Francis, R. D. 2009. Ethics for Psychologists. 2nd edition.
15	Presentations	
16	Presentations	
	Final	