

# Business Ethics in a Globalized World

Single subject and programme course

7.5 credits

Företagsetik i en globaliserad värld

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## Main field of study

Business Administration

## Course level

First cycle

## Advancement level

G1N

## Course offered for

- Master Programme in IT and Management
- Bachelor programme in Information Systems Analysis
- Business and Economics Programme - International - French
- Business and Economics Programme - International - Spanish
- Business and Economics Programme - International - German
- Business and Economics Programme
- Business and Economics Programme - International - English

## Entry requirements

General entry requirements for undergraduate studies  
and

Mathematics and Social Studies corresponding to the level in Swedish upper  
secondary education (Matematik 3b/3c, Samhällskunskap 1b/(1a1 and 1a2)  
and

English corresponding to the level of English in Swedish upper secondary  
education (Engelska 6)

## Intended learning outcomes

The overall aim of the course is to develop the student's understanding of ethical issues in organizations in a global perspective with a particular focus on both knowing ethics and being ethical.

After completion of the course, the student should be able to

- account for and discuss critically key ethical theories in a historical and global perspective
- problematize and assess organizations' ethical tools
- problematize and assess organizations' engagement with social responsibility
- problematize and assess the consequences of unethical organizational behavior on people, other organizations and society
- reflect upon the individual's responsibility and possibility to act as an ethical organizational member

## Course content

Ethical issues play an important role in various types of organizations in different parts of the world. This course problematizes and sheds light on ethical issues on different levels and in relation to different stakeholders. Key ethical theories and research are presented and discussed. Organizations' work with ethical issues as well as the effect of their actions are scrutinized. The individual's possibilities for acting ethically are analyzed. Different ethical issues and dilemmas are approached from a range of theoretical perspectives.

## Teaching and working methods

The course will consist of lectures and seminars. Students will learn from individual work as well as team work. Homework and independent study are a necessary complement to the course. Language of instruction: English.

## Examination

The course is examined through continuous individual and group assignments, and an individually written exam. Detailed information about the examination can be found in the course's study guide

If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it. If the coordinator has instead recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.

Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course twice are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

## Grades

Three-grade scale, U, G, VG

## Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

## Department

Institutionen för ekonomisk och industriell utveckling