

SYLLABUS

TITLE:	Ethics and political challenges for social justice and peace
CODE:	GSE 301
PREREQUISITE:	N/A
CREDITS:	3 credits 45 contact hours 1 term

DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will address the difficulties of defining and implementing peace and social justice. It also provides students with interdisciplinary knowledge and dialogues to promote ethical deliberation and critical analysis on the life conditions experienced by certain groups of people within a complex socio-economic and political context at the global and national levels. Furthermore, the course provides students with a first approach to diversity and human rights as essential grounds for the achievement of social justice and peace.

JUSTIFICATION

This course offers students the possibility of considering and assuming an ethical and civic commitment to contribute to the construction of a more just, equitable, and peaceful society. By recognizing the socio-economic and political context at the local and global levels, students will be able to put into perspective that in times when the construction of peace and social justice seems more difficult, it is when they become most important and urgent.

COMPETENCES

The course develops the following competences in students:

- **Ethical sense and social justice**
- **Communication**

OBJECTIVES

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the current challenges we face from an understanding and analysis of the local and international social reality in its various aspects: ecological, socio-economic, political, cultural, etc.
2. Respect and value human diversity in its different manifestations.
3. Recognize human dignity and ethical sense as principles for dialogue that favor human rights and the inclusion of the different and diverse.
4. Explain the importance of ethical deliberation and critical analysis of the social realities experienced by certain groups within a global and national economic and political context.

CONTENTS

- I. From moral experience to ethical experience
 - A. Defining *ethos* and the difference between ethics and morals
 - B. The universality of the moral fact
 - C. Ethics: critical reflection of practical fields
 - D. The role of ethical theories:
 1. Definition and objective
 2. Ethics of duty and ethics of consequences
 - E. Ethical foundation: reproducing and promoting human life in community
 - F. Ethical deliberation and the construction of values
- II. Dignity, diversity, and human rights
 - A. Meaning of human dignity and its integral development
 - B. Human diversity and cultural humility
 1. Person dimension
 2. Collective dimension
 - C. Human rights: Foundation of social justice and peace
 1. Nature and justification of human rights
 2. Definition and comparison of concepts
 - a. Human rights
 - b. Constitutional rights
 - c. Civil rights
- III. Political ethics and world economy
 - A. Ethics of political and economic power
 - B. Fundamentalist neoliberalism and idolatry of capital
 1. Living labor: the foundation of property

2. Intellectual property and the issue of patents
 3. External debt, usury, and economic exclusion
 - C. Economic development and integral and sustainable human development
 - D. External and internal company assets
- IV. Local and global political context: A scenario for social justice and peace?
- A. Democracy as popular sovereignty
 1. Democracy as rights and freedoms
 2. Democracy and citizenship
 - B. Crises of representative democracies
 1. Neoliberal policies
 2. *Caudillismo* = populism
 3. Impairment of social and economic rights
 - C. Impact of globalization on human rights
 1. Environment, ecology, and its implications
 2. Fourth generation human rights
 - a. Privacy: *Habeas data* and digital security
 - b. Access to computing and the internet

METHODOLOGY

The following strategies from the active learning methodology are recommended:

- Flipped classroom- critical analysis of readings
- Role playing- debates and representations
- Collaborative learning
- Implementation of graphic organizers: maps, timelines, etc.

EVALUATION

Compositions	25%
Participation	20%
Partial assignments	30%
Final project or exam	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%

LEARNING ASSESSMENT

The institutional assessment rubric is applied to the course's core activity.

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Cultura de Paz UNESCO:

<https://es.unesco.org/themes/programas-construir-paz>

http://files.unicef.org/argentina/spanish/ar_insumos_educvaescuela4.PDF

<http://unescopaz.uprrp.edu>

Derechos humanos de cuarta generación (video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xxgty3ZjmCM>

Derechos y Reveses de lo Humano (dossier):

<https://www.80grados.net/category/dossier-derechos-y-reveses-de-lo-humano/>

Diálogo por la Justicia Social (video):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itr4eL_cRmo

El neoliberalismo en América Latina:

<https://blogs.helsinki.fi/temashispanicos/?p=185>

La Justicia Social (video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQesxvQ1SYc>

La solidaridad: el valor más humano (video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhQnycqt6uQ>

Neoliberalism Vs Democracy (video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwHipDwvgk&feature=related>

United Nations (UN): <http://www.un.org/es/about-un/>

Project Proposal Writing: How to Write a Winning Project Proposal (video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsGBuu88WE0>

For more information resources related to the course's topics, access the library's webpage <http://biblioteca.sagrado.edu/>.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

For detailed information on the process and required documentation you should visit the corresponding office. To ensure equal conditions, in compliance with the ADA Act (1990) and the Rehabilitation Act (1973), as amended, any student in need of reasonable accommodation or special assistance must complete the process established by the Vice Presidency for Academic Affairs.

ACADEMIC HONESTY, FRAUD, AND PLAGIARISM

Any student who fails to comply with the Honesty, Fraud, and Plagiarism Policy is exposed to the following sanctions: receive a zero in the evaluation and/or repetition of the assignment, an F(*) in the course, suspension, or expulsion as established in the document *Política de Honestidad Académica* (DAEE 205-001) effective in August 2005.

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