

Human Rights and Ethics

Course Name: Human Rights and Ethics

Course Code: GEN215

Credit hours: 2

Knowledge Domain: General Fundamentals.

Prerequisite(s): None

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Acquire the nature and role of human rights on individual and societal behavior.
2. Realize the sources of human rights and the universal declaration of human rights.
3. Illustrate the current crisis facing the global community in accepting a unified code of human rights.
4. Get an idea about the Egyptian constitution treatment of human rights.
5. Present the origin and evolution of human ethics.
6. Grasp the theoretical perspectives and foundations affecting the development of ethical beliefs, norms, and behaviors.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will be knowledgeable about:

1. The major universal declaration of human rights.
2. The legal instruments for protection of human rights.
3. The current crises and issues facing nations in accepting a unified code of human rights.
4. How human rights are treated in the Egyptian Constitution.
5. The cognitive, affective, and behavioral dimensions of ethical behavior.
6. Explaining the basic aspects of developing ethics and individual socialization.
7. The approaches and methods used for ethical education.

Overview and Syllabus

The course will address the evolution of human rights, the cultural perspectives of human rights, the universal declaration of human rights, the legal instruments for their protection, the current issues and crisis facing their enforcements, and the role

of nations, world bodies, and interest groups in protecting and preserving human rights. Also it deals with the dimensions of ethical behavior, theories of morality, the development of ethical beliefs and norms, contemporary moral issues, and the impact of ethics on individual behavior and the environment.

Course Outline

	Topic
1	<p><u>Module 01: Human Rights Issues and Overview</u></p> <p>Introduction Objectives Lesson 01: The Historical Background of Human Rights Lesson 02: Understanding Human Rights Lesson 03: Human Rights Principles and Obligations Summary Assessment</p>
2	<p><u>Module 02: Universal Declaration of Human Rights</u></p> <p>Introduction Objectives Lesson 01: On the Declaration of Human Rights Lesson 02: The Preamble Lesson 03: Articles 1-15 Lesson 04: Articles 16-30 Summary Assessment</p>
3	<p><u>Module 03: Legal Instruments Designed for Human Rights</u></p> <p>Introduction Objectives Lesson 01: UN Treaty Bodies and Human Rights Special Procedures Lesson 02: Human Rights vs. National Security Lesson 03: Human Rights Violations Summary Assessment</p>
4	<p><u>Module 04: Cultural Perspectives of Human Rights</u></p> <p>Introduction Objectives Lesson 01: Are Human Rights Dependent on Culture? Lesson 02: Universal Human Rights and Cultural Relativism Lesson 03: Human Rights, Cultural Integrity and Diversity Summary</p>

	Assessment
5	<p><u>Module 05: Contemporary Issues and the Crisis of Human Rights</u></p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Lesson 01: The Relation between Human Rights and Human Development</p> <p>Lesson 02: Human Rights and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)</p> <p>Lesson 03: Human Rights and Contemporary Issues</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Assessment</p>
6	<p><u>Module 06: Human Rights and the Egyptian Constitution</u></p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Lesson 01: Historical Background of Human Rights in Egypt</p> <p>Lesson 02: Human Rights Organizations in Egypt: National Council for Human Rights</p> <p>Lesson 03: The Egyptian Organizations for Human Rights</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Assessment</p>
7	<p><u>Module 07: Ethics</u></p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Lesson 01 : Ethics (Morality) Theories and Perspectives</p> <p>Lesson 02 : Contemporary Ethical Issues</p> <p>Lesson 03 : Ethical Development and Education</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Assessment</p>