

Deontology and Bioethics

Study Programme: MIMV Curricular Year: 1st Semester: 1st Compulsory Credits: 2.0 ECTS
Lecturer(s): George Stilwell (CCP, R), João Afonso

1. Contact hours:

Lectures - 12 hours; Seminars – 2 hours; Tutorial – 24 hours

2. Objectives:

Develop knowledge and skills on the ethical issues inherent to the practice of the veterinary profession. Provide training in the areas of ethical conduct of veterinarians in their different functional valences, raising them to the social and legal responsibilities to which they are subordinated in the exercise of the profession.

Critical evaluation of the fundamentals and ethical limits of the use of animals for different purposes (production and slaughter, company, work, experimentation, education, shows, among others). Presentation of dilemmas related to bioethics and with which the future veterinarian may be confronted.

3. Programme:

Lectures of chair syllabus cover the following topics:

- History of Veterinary Medicine: founding pillar of the profession;
- The legal provisions on standards of ethical conduct and deontology required in the veterinarian profession;
- Rules of interpersonal relationship as a tool for social interaction and socio-professional;
- Relationship with other professions on the basis of respect for their respective deontology's, with a special reference to the multidisciplinary work environment;
- Bioethical limits to the use of animals for human benefit in terms of animal testing and any other form of relationship with animals that may infringe them suffering (production, transportation, slaughter, work, experiments).
- Conference with members of the profession, Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários e Sindicato dos Médicos-veterinários

4. Bibliography:

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5. Assessment:

The assessment to the level of students knowledge is evaluated through a theoretical written examination (T) (80 % of the final score) and a monographic text (M) (20 % of the final score); FM (final mark) = $0.9T+0.1M$ (approval > 9.5 in a scale from 0 to 20)