

Deontology and Bioethics

Study Programme: MIMV Curricular Year: 1st Semester: 1st Compulsory Credits: 2.0 ECTS

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1. Contact hours:

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

2. Objectives:

To develop knowledge and skills on critical ethical issues related to the Veterinary Surgeons profession and concerning the use of animals for different purposes (slaughter, companion, work, production, experimental or other) if, in any way, unnecessary suffering could be infringed.

To provide knowledge in the areas of professional civic conduct in the different functional valences of veterinary profession; helping students to understand the social, moral and legal responsibilities that are inherent to the professional activity.

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 profession of Vets;
- 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).

4. Bibliography:

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4. Assessment:

The assessment to the level of students knowledge is evaluated through a theoretical written examination (T) (90 % of the final score) and a monographic text (M) (10 % of the final score); FM (final mark) = 0.9T+0.1M (approval > 9.5 in a scale from 0 to 20)