

DEONTOLOGY AND BIOETHICS

Study programme: MIMV Curricular Year: 1^o Semester: 1^o Compulsory ECTS: 2.0

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1. Contact hours: Lectures – 12 h; Seminars – 2 h; Tutorials – 24 h.

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, euthanasia, 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 on 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 and ethical dilemmas to the use of animals for human benefit (animal testing, production, education, entertainment and all other forms of relationship).
- Common ethical dilemmas in veterinary practice
- Seminars with practitioners, members of the board of the Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários and Sindicato dos Médicos-veterinários

4. Bibliography:

Slides presented at lectures.

Anon. (2015). Estatuto da Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários. Decreto Lei n.º 125/2015 de 3 de setembro

Anon. (2021). Código Deontológico Médico-Veterinário. Regulamento n.º 730/2021. Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários.

Stilwell, G., Afonso, J., Bernardo, F. (2020). Sebenta da Disciplina de Deontologia e Bioética (texto de apoio disponível na plataforma do Moodle), FMV/ULisboa, Portugal

Engelhardt, H. (1996). The foundation of bioethics. Ed. Oxford University Press New York, USA.

Jecker, N. S., Jonsen, A.R., & Pearlman, R.A. (1997). Bioethics : an introduction to the history, methods, and practice. Ed. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Boston, USA.

Post, S. (1999). Bioethics for students: how do we know what's right?: issues in medicine, animal rights, and the environment. Ed. Macmillan, New York, USA

Rollin, B.E. (2006). An introduction to veterinary medical ethics – theory and cases. 2nd Ed. Blackwell Publishing. Iowa, USA.

5. Avaliação:

The assessment to the level of students' knowledge is done through a theoretical written exam (80 % of the final score) and a 4-page monographic text (20 % of the final score).