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Master Program Development Economics and International Studies

International Business Ethics I (IBE I)

Lecture and Tutorials

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

After the financial crisis and recent corporate scandals at Wirecard, Volkswagen, Sanlu, Deutsche Bank, and many others, the call for ethical management of businesses, especially multinational corporations, has increased dramatically. In this course, we will look at the broad area of business ethics. As a theoretical foundation, ethical theories will be considered, and concepts like sustainability, corporate social responsibility, and corporate citizenship will be analyzed.

Moreover, in the age of globalization, climate change, and grand challenges such as the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, business increasingly takes place in an environment where political and cultural boundaries that challenge corporate values are constantly crossed. Businesses are constantly confronted with issues such as environmental depletion, poverty, child labor, bribery and corruption, ethnic and religious discrimination, censorship and privacy issues, fair trade, and consumer boycotts, to mention a few. Thus, we will address, e.g., the challenges that organizations are confronted with when trying to do business ethically, what it takes to be a good corporate citizen, and how companies can deal with stakeholder demands.

Students acquire basic knowledge of ethics and business ethics. They are made familiar and learn how to address the challenges that organizations face when trying to do business ethically, be a good corporate citizen, and deal with stakeholder demands.

COURSE DESIGN AND ASSIGNMENTS

The course is divided into a lecture that will present the main content and an exercise or tutorial. The quality and outcome of both the lecture and the tutorials depend on the participation of students. It is expected that students work on their own through the modules and actively take part in live Q&A sessions.

In the tutorials, scientific texts will be analyzed, and cases will be discussed. These materials are also relevant for the examination. Therefore, we expect students to read the respective materials in advance of every session and participate actively in online discussions.

VENUE AND TIME

Lecture: Monday 14.15 – 15.45 – Room 05.054

(First lecture: **02.05.2022**)

Tutorial: Monday 16.15 – 17.00 – Room 05.054

(First tutorial: **02.05.2022**)

REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO MATERIAL

To access the lecture and tutorial material available to you on StudOn, it is first necessary to register on MeinCampus for the lecture International Business Ethics I (IBE I). Registration is open until **May 6, 2022**. For the registration, follow this link: <https://www.campus.uni-erlangen.de/>

Once you are registered on MeinCampus, you will be able to access the course on StudOn. To access the StudOn material, follow this link: www.studon/ibe1

The Password for the StudOn folder is: **ibe1**

REQUIREMENTS

Students should have basic knowledge of economics and business administration. Having taken previous courses on ethics or business ethics is not required.

EXAMINATION AND GRADE SCHEME

The grade consists of a written test with a duration of 60 minutes. More information regarding the examination will be communicated timely on StudOn.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Please be sure to frequently consult the different sources of information that include updates regarding the university's activities in times of the corona crisis:

<https://www.fau.eu/corona/>

Homepage of the Institute of Economics: <http://www.economics.phil.uni-erlangen.de>

Library of the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU):

www.ub.uni-erlangen.de