

Course Title	Dental Ethics				
Course Code	DES125				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	Bachelor of Dentistry				
Year / Semester	1 st year / 1 st semester				
Teacher's Name	TBA				
ECTS	2	Lectures / week	2 hrs / 13 weeks + exam week	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The objective of this course is to enhance the students' knowledge regarding the moral, deontological, and legal principles of Dentistry and their implementation in dental practice.</p> <p>The course aims to create the basis of students 'attitude and education towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for patients' rights: • Quality dental care and evidence-based dental practice • Social value of Dentistry. <p>The course is intended to shape future health professionals who are sensitive to human values, ethics and law, and the social aspects of dental practice.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize ethical, social, legal and professional context of dental practice and research. • Compare and contrast ethical and unethical behaviour in Dentistry. • Demonstrate critical thinking about ethical challenges and dilemmas in dental practice and suggest possible answers. • Appraise oral health system's performance regarding respect for human and patients' rights. • Demonstrate a holistic and patient – centered approach to patient care and stay focused on prevention as well as equity, quality and safety of care. • Identify and avoid violations of ethical and legal rules and regulations in fields of dental practice, such as: 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Informed consent ○ Overtreatment and supplier induced demand ○ Inequity and discriminations in dental care access ○ Disrespect of patient autonomy, patient choices and informed consent ○ Breach of confidentiality and privacy ○ Unethical behaviour in financial aspects of dental practice ○ Unethical competence among dental professionals ○ Conflict of Interest ○ Refusal of providing dental services ○ Participation in dental research programs which do not meet the necessary scientific, social and ethical requirements ○ Unethical advertising etc. 		
Prerequisites	None	Co-requisites	None
Course Content	<p>In this regard the students will be familiar with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Definition of Medical and Dental Ethics: the multiple meanings and different approaches. ● The philosophical pillars of Dental Ethics – a short historic review. ● The main principles of Dental Ethics. ● Dental ethics and human rights. ● Professional duties of dentists and law in Dental Practice. ● Guidelines for students’ teamwork presentations on dental ethics. ● Resource allocation and dental practice ethics. ● Dental ethics and vulnerable groups. ● Ethical Decision Making in Dental Practice: cases study. ● Ethics in dental research: principles and cases study. ● Contemporary challenges of dental ethics: practical applications in dental practice and research (I) ● Contemporary challenges of dental ethics: practical applications in dental practice and research (II) ● Students’ teamwork presentations. 		
Teaching Methodology	Face-to-face		
Bibliography	FDI World Dental Federation. Dental Ethics. Manual 2. Geneva: FDI, 2018.		

	<p>Ozar DT, Sokol DJ. Dental Ethics at Chairside: Professional Principles and Practical Applications. Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2002.</p> <p>Rule JT, Veatch RM. Ethical Questions in Dentistry. Chicago: Quintessence, 2004.</p>								
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