**EHR 1101 Introduction to Ethics**

**Course description**

The course assesses the different ethical principles or standards available and whether common ethical standards are possible, focusing on the problem of good and evil as related to human behavior.  It asks, among the rest, what is the meaning of being free and responsible, what are one's rights, and how does one assess a right moral course of action in life?

**Course objectives**

This course will enable the students to understand the difference between morality and ethics. Students will also be taught the tools and approaches to the study of ethics.

**Learning objectives**

After participating in this course, students will be able to;

1. define key terms concerning ethics and morality
2. explain the approaches to the study of ethics
3. understand to whom ethics applies
4. distinguish between ethics, morality and the law
5. distinguish between morality and religion
6. understand why human beings should be ethical

**Course outline**

1. Ethics and its relation to philosophy
2. Key terms used in ethics discourse
3. Approaches to the study of ethics
4. Where does morality come from
5. Customary or traditional and reflective morality
6. Ethics, Law and Religion
7. Why should human beings be moral?

**Methodology**

The facilitator(s) will employ the following methods; lecture discussions, Values clarification exercise, Report back session, Case studies, guided discovery, Individual presentations, small group discussions, brain storming.

**Assessment Mode**

Take home exercise 15%

Practical exercise test 15%

End of semester examination 70%

**Reading List**

Bali D. R., 1997, *Introduction to Philosophy*, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers

Gonslaves Milton, 1989, *Right and Reason: Ethics in Theory and Practice*, New Jersey, Prentice Hall

Norma Richard, 1983, *The Moral Philosopher: An Introduction to Ethics*, New York, Oxford University Press

Thompson Mel, 1999, *Ethics*, London, Cox and Wyman Ltd

Warburton Nigel, 2001, *Philosophy: The Basics*, London, Routledge