**EHR 2103 Professional Ethics**

**Course Description**

The course highlights and examines the characteristics of a profession; then moral criteria and the fundamental moral principles that ought to underlie all professional activities. A variety of professional ethic such as; business ethics, the ethics of journalism, legal ethics, health care ethics, and many others will be studied. The course ultimately gives the basic characteristic of professional code of ethics and then examines the various codes of professional ethics.

**Course objectives**

This course aims at making students aware of the classic definition of a profession by first examining what a profession is, and second by helping them to understand professional responsibilities and the professional ethics that are associated with them.

**Learning objectives**

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

1. Know the meaning and characteristic of a profession
2. Know the basic normative ethical principles that ought to underline professional performance
3. To be knowledgeable about the problems surrounding public interest and conflict of interests

4) To understand the relevance and limitations of a professional code of ethics

**Course outline**

1. Meaning and characteristic of a profession
2. Professional practice: internal rules and structure
3. Public interest versus conflict of interests
4. Codes of conduct and codes of conduct
5. Beyond codes of ethics
6. Specific professional ethics: managerial ethics, procurement ethics, legal ethics, policing ethics, health ethics

**Methodology**

The facilitator(s) will employ the following methods; interactive lectures, seminars, expert talks, individual presentations, group work, etc.

**Assessment Mode**

Take home exercise 15%

Practical exercise test 15%

End of semester examination 70%

**Reading list**

Durkheim Emile, 1992, *Professional Ethics and Civic Morals*, Routledge

Goldman Alan, 1980, *The Moral Foundation of Professional Ethics*, Rowman & Little fields.

Gorlin Rena, ed, 1994, *Codes of Professional Responsibility*, BNA books.

Kleining John, 1996, *The Ethics of Policing*, Cambridge University Press