

IPRO Team Ethics Assignment

Newspaper Article Discussion

Description of Exercise

Student Competency Level

Beginning – Good for helping students understand how the smaller ethical issues they grapple with in their IPRO connects with larger social issues.

Time Commitment

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| 1/2 | Hour finding or (re)writing a case study for use in the interview |
| 1 | Hour analyzing case, developing questions, and locating a professional to interview, either using personal contacts or with the help of the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions. Students will set up appointment to interview the professional in the workplace, if possible |
| 30-40 | Minutes conducting interview |
| 30-40 | Minutes participating in class discussion about interviews |
| 1 | Hour preparing group write-up of interview |

Tasks Involved

1. Faculty advisor /student representatives work with Kelly Laas to select or (re)write a case to reflect ethical issues in IPRO.
2. Divide IPRO team into two groups of 2-5 students. First group works on work on finding or writing a case and writing series of questions for interview. Questions should be approved by faculty advisor or Kelly Laas before the interview is held.
3. Second student group works on lining up an interview with a professional in their discipline and make an appointment.
4. Second student groups attend the interview, taking notes about the answers to their questions.
5. In class discussion
6. Final write-up of interview notes.

Potential Deliverables

The student groups will write a short report of the interview based on the notes they took. The report should identify the name and company of the individual who was interviewed, and the interview should be written up as a dialogue with the questions they asked and the answers they received. The report should end with an analytical paragraph explaining the insights the students gained from the interviewed. One question that should be answered in this final paragraph is, "What did you learn about resources that are available for resolving an ethics problem in the workplace?" Final notes can be uploaded to I-groups by the deadline set each semester by the IPRO Program.