# Savitribai Phule Pune University Second Year of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (2020 Course)

217534: Code of Conduct

<b>Teaching Scheme</b>	Credit Scheme	<b>Examination Scheme and Marks</b>			
Tutorial: 01 Hours/Week	01 <u>s</u>	Term work <sup>§</sup> : 25 Marks			

#### **Preamble:**

Engineering is one of the important and cultured professions. With respect to any engineering profession, engineers are expected to exhibit the reasonable standards of integrity and honesty. Engineering is directly or indirectly responsible to create a vital impact on the quality of life for the society. Acceptably, the services provided by engineers require impartiality, honesty, equity and fairness and must give paramount importance to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Engineers must perform under a standard of professional behavior that requires adherence to the principles of ethical conduct.

Prime aim is to recognize and evaluate ethical challenges that they will face in their professional careers through knowledge and exercises that deeply challenge their decision making processes and ethics

# **Course Objectives:**

- To promote ethics, honesty and professionalism.
- To set standards that are expected to follow and to be aware that If one acts unethically what are the consequences.
- To provide basic knowledge about engineering Ethics, Variety of moral issues and Moral dilemmas, Professional Ideals and Virtues
- To provide basic familiarity about Engineers as responsible Experimenters, Research Ethics, Codes of Ethics, Industrial Standards, Exposure to Safety and Risk, Risk Benefit Analysis
- To have an idea about the Collegiality and Loyalty, Collective Bargaining, Confidentiality, Occupational Crime, Professional, Employee, Intellectual Property Rights.

#### **Course Outcomes:**

On completion of the course, learner will be able to-

- **CO1: Understand** the basic perception of profession, professional ethics, various moral and social issues, industrial standards, code of ethics and role of professional ethics in engineering field.
- CO2: Aware of professional rights and responsibilities of an engineer, responsibilities of an engineer for safety and risk benefit analysis.
- **CO3: Understand** the impact of the professional Engineering solutions in societal and Environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
- **CO4: Acquire** knowledge about various roles of engineers in variety of global issues and able to apply ethical principles to resolve situations that arise in their professional lives.

# **Course Contents**

# The following are the certain guidelines as far as ethics and code of conduct are concerned to be clearly and elaborately explained to the students,

Fundamental norms Engineers, in the fulfillment of their professional duties, should include paying utmost attention to the safety, health, and welfare of the society. Along with that engineers should execute the services only in their areas of competence. Whenever there is a need to issue public statements then such statements should be expressed in objective and truthful manner. Engineer should extend high sense of integrity by acting for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees. Whatever may be the working scope engineer should conduct themselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so as to enhance the honor, reputation, and usefulness of the profession.

As far as ethical practices are concerned engineers should not reveal facts, data, or information without the prior consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by



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law or Code. Engineers should not permit the use of their name or associate in business ventures with any person or firm that they believe is engaged in fraudulent or dishonest enterprise moreover he/she should not aid or abet the unlawful practice of engineering by a person or firm.

Engineers having knowledge of any alleged violation of the Code should report thereon to appropriate professional bodies and, when relevant, also to public authorities, and cooperate with the proper authorities in furnishing such information or assistance as may be required. Engineers should disclose all known or potential conflicts of interest that could influence or appear to influence their judgment or the quality of their services. Engineers should not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties. Engineers should not solicit or accept financial or other valuable consideration, directly or indirectly, from outside agents in connection with the work for which they are responsible.

Engineers should never falsify their qualifications or permit misrepresentation of their or their associates' qualifications. They shall not misrepresent or exaggerate their responsibility in or for the subject matter of prior assignments. Brochures or other presentations incident to the solicitation of employment shall not misrepresent pertinent facts concerning employers, employees, associates, joint ventures, or past accomplishments.

Engineers should not offer, give, solicit, or receive, either directly or indirectly, any contribution to influence the award of a contract by public authority, or which may be reasonably construed by the public as having the effect or intent of influencing the awarding of a contract. They should not offer any gift or other valuable consideration in order to secure work. They should not pay a commission, percentage, or brokerage fee in order to secure work, except to a bona fide employee or bona fide established commercial or marketing agencies retained by them.

There are certain obligations accompanied with engineering profession. Engineers should acknowledge their errors and should not distort or alter the facts. Candid advises in special cases are always welcome. Engineers should not accept outside employment to the detriment of their regular work or interest. Before accepting any outside engineering employment, they will notify their employers.

Engineers should not promote their own interest at the expense of the dignity and integrity of the profession furthermore they should treat all persons with dignity, respect, fairness, and without discrimination. Engineers should at all times strive to serve the public interest. Engineers are encouraged to participate in civic affairs; career guidance for youths; and work for the advancement of the safety, health, and well-being of their community. Engineers are encouraged to adhere to the principles of sustainable development in order to protect the environment for future generations. Engineers shall continue their professional development throughout their careers and should keep current in their specialty fields by engaging in professional practice, participating in continuing education courses, reading in the technical literature, and attending professional meetings and seminar.

Engineers should not, without consent, use equipment, supplies, laboratory, or office facilities of an employer to carry on outside private practice. They should not attempt to injure, maliciously or falsely, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice, or employment of other engineers. Engineers who believe others are guilty of unethical or illegal practice shall present such information to the proper authority for action. "Sustainable development" is the challenge for the engineers meeting human needs for natural resources, industrial products, energy, food, transportation, shelter, and effective waste management while conserving and protecting environmental quality and the natural resource base essential for future development.

Following are contents to be covered in tutorial session-

- Introduction to Ethical Reasoning and Engineer Ethics: Senses of 'Engineering Ethics' –
   Variety of moral issues Types of inquiry Moral dilemmas –Moral Autonomy Kohlberg's
   theory Gilligan's theory Consensus and Controversy –Professions and Professionalism –
   Professional Ideals and Virtues Uses of Ethical Theories.
- 2. **Professional Practice in Engineering :** Global Issues -Multinational Corporations Business Ethics Environmental Ethics Computer Ethics Role in Technological Development –

Weapons Development – Engineers as Managers – Consulting Engineers – Engineers as Expert Witnesses and Advisors – Honesty – Moral Leadership – Sample Code of Conduct

- 3. **Ethics as Design** Doing Justice to Moral Problems: Engineer's Responsibility for Safety Safety and Risk Assessment of Safety and Risk Risk Benefit Analysis Reducing Risk The Government Regulator's Approach to Risk
- 4. Workplace Responsibilities and Rights Collegiality and Loyalty Respect for Authority Collective Bargaining Confidentiality Conflicts of Interest Occupational Crime Professional Rights Employee Rights Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Discrimination
- 5. Computers, Software, and Digital Information
- 6. Responsibility for the Environment

# **#Exemplar/Case Studies:**

General Motors ignition switch recalls (2014), Space Shuttle Columbia disaster (2003), Space Shuttle Challenger disaster (1986), Therac-25 accidents (1985 to 1987), Chernobyl disaster (1986), Bhopal disaster (1984), Kansas City Hyatt Regency walkway collapse (1981)

# **Guidelines for Conduction:**

The course will exemplify the budding engineers the Code of Conduct and ethics pertaining to their area and scope of their work. The Instructor/Teacher shall explain the students the importance and impact of the ethics and code of conduct.

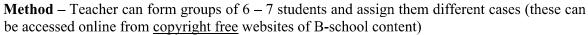
Confined to various courses and project/mini-project development the possible vulnerabilities and threats need to be elaborated and the students' participation need to be encouraged in designing such document explicitly mentioning Code of Conduct and Disclaimers.

# **Suggested set of Activities**

- 1. Purpose-Introduce the concept of Professional Code of Conduct
  - **Method** Using Group Discussion as a platform, ask students to share one practice in their family / home that everyone has to follow. For ex. not wearing footwear in the house, taking a bath first thing in the morning, seeking blessings from elders, etc. Connect this Code of Conduct in their family to one that exists in the professional world
  - **Outcome** Awareness of profession-specific code of conduct and importance of adherence of that code specified. Ability to express opinions verbally and be empathetic to diverse backgrounds and values
- 2. **Purpose-**Impress upon the students, the significance of morality
  - Method Role play a professional situation where an engineer is not competent and is trying to copy the work of a colleague and claim credit for that work. Ask observing students to react to that situation. Alternatively, a short video that clearly shows unethical behavior can be played and ask viewers their opinion about the situation. Note to teachers read about Kohlber's theory and Gilligan's theory to understand levels of moral behavior
  - **Outcome** Incite students to contemplate their own immoral behavior in public space or academic environment (like copying homework or assignment). Will coax students to introspect their own values and encourage them to choose the right path
- **3. Purpose-**Highlight the importance of professional ideals like conflict management, ambition, ethical manners and accountability
  - **Method** Each student will have to write a 200 word essay on any of above mentioned virtues of being a good professional. On evaluation, the top 5 essays can be displayed on the college wall magazine and rewarded if deemed appropriate
  - **Outcome** Learn to express one's ideas and identify and relate to good virtues. Build writing skills, improve language and gain knowledge about how to write an impactful essay



**4. Purpose-**Make students aware of proper and globally accepted ethical way to handle work, colleagues and clients



**Outcome** – Develop group communication skills. Learn to speak up one's opinion in a forum. Cultivate the habit of presenting solution-driven analytical arguments making them contributors in any team.

- **5. Purpose** Make students aware that technology can be harmful if not used wisely and ethically **Method** Conduct a quiz on various ethical dilemmas that are relevant in today's world pertaining to privacy right, stalking, plagiarism, hacking, weaponizing technology, AI, electronic garbage creating environmental hazard etc
  - **Outcome** Make students aware of various adverse consequences of technology development and allow them to introspect on how to use technology responsibly.
- **6. Purpose** Expose students to professional situations where engineers must use their skills ethically and for the betterment of society and nation

**Method** – Students in groups of 4 can be given an assignment in the earlier session to present in front of the class one specific case where they felt unethical treatment has been meted out to a person by an engineer – either as a witness, advisor, dishonesty, improper skills testimony etc. The group has to make a short presentation and also suggested plausible solutions to that situation. Q&A from other students must encouraged to allow healthy discussion

**Outcome** – Become aware of unethical code of conduct in the professional world and how to follow a moral compass especially when one reaches positions of power.

- 7. **Purpose** Provide an insight into rights and ethical behavior.
  - **Method** Movies like The Social Network can be played and students can be asked to discuss their opinion about collegiality, intellectual property, friendship and professional relationships **Outcome** help them look at success stories from an ethical point of view. Develop critical thinking and evaluation of circumstances.
- **8. Purpose** Make students contemplate about ideal and safe professional environment and decide on making right decisions based on codes of conduct

**Method** – Students can be asked to write down 5 most important codes of conduct that they feel that every computer engineer should follow. After evaluation by teacher / experts, the collection of codes can be converted into a handbook to be given to every student as a memoir to help them in their professional life.

**Outcome** – Introspection and think about how to shape the professional environment. Also, when they carry back with them their own codes of conduct, they could feel bound to adhere to these ethics.

#### **Term Work Assessment Guidelines**

Students must submit the report of all conducted activities. The brief guidelines for report preparations are as follows:

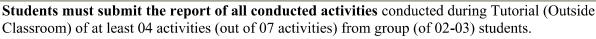
- 1. One activity report must be of maximum 3 pages;
- 2. Combined Report of all activities with cover pages, table of contents and certificate (signed by instructor) is to be submitted in soft copy (pdf) format only.
- 3. The report must contain:
  - General information about the activity;
  - Define the purpose of the activity;
  - Detail out the activities carried out during the visit in chronological order;
  - Summarize the operations / process (methods) during the activities;
  - Describe what you learned (outcomes) during the activities as a student;
  - Add photos of the activity; (optional)
  - Add a title page to the beginning of your report;
  - Write in clear and objective language; and
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- <a href="https://www.ieee.org/about/compliance.html">https://www.ieee.org/about/compliance.html</a>
- https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bmclaren/ethics/caseframes/91-7.html
- https://www.nspe.org/
- <a href="http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/switchgear/presentations/tp\_files/2017-">http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/switchgear/presentations/tp\_files/2017-</a>

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# **MOOC/ Video lectures available at:**

• <a href="https://swayam.gov.in/nd1">https://swayam.gov.in/nd1</a> noc20 mg44/preview

# **@**The CO-PO Mapping Matrix

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CO2	-	_	-	-	_	_	2	2	-	-	-	-
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