

# Opasraportti

## Ethics (2015 - 2016)

### Ethics

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### Admission requirements

Ethics can be studied by any student presently registered and enrolled at the University of Oulu.

### Study guidance

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### Ethics

In Finnish schools, Ethics is taught to pupils who do not belong to any religious denomination or who are not provided teaching on their own religion. As a subject, Ethics is a multidisciplinary entity, based on philosophy as well as social and cultural sciences. Ethics considers humans as agents who create and renew their culture, experiencing and creating meanings through interaction with one another. Worldviews, human practices and their meanings are the result of interaction between individuals, communities and cultural heritage. Ethics emphasises the rational ability to study one's own world and actively steer one's own life.

In schools, the aim of teaching ethics is to provide the pupils with tools to help them grow into independent, tolerant, responsible and discerning members of the community. The teaching of ethics fosters the pupils' growth into good citizens in a democratic society, which, in a globalising and rapidly changing world, requires the development of ethical thinking and actions, extensive ethical knowledge and related skills, as well as increasing one's general knowledge of worldviews and cultures. The teaching of ethics is guided by the idea that pupils can grow into free, equal and critical builders of a better world.

Completing the Basic and Intermediate (60 ECTS credits total) study packages provides students with the qualification to teach ethics in Finnish schools.

### Practical information

The timing for all Ethics courses may be freely chosen.

### Study packages and learning outcomes

After completing the Basic Studies package, students will have the knowledge, skills and conceptual abilities to study their world rationally. Students will recognise that different worldviews, human practices and their meanings are the result of interaction between individuals, communities and cultural heritage.

After completing the Intermediate Studies package, students will have the qualification to teach ethics in Finnish schools. In addition, students will be able to explain and validate the content of ethics teaching used in elementary and secondary schools as well as in upper secondary schools.

#### **Basic Studies, 25 ECTS cr:**

700677P	Introduction to Ethics, 5 ECTS cr
700678P	Gender and Equality, 5 ECTS cr
700679P	Introduction to Ethical Reasoning, 5 ECTS cr
700680P	Introduction to Environmental Philosophy, 5 ECTS cr
700681P	A Global Approach to Ethics, 5 ECTS cr

#### **Intermediate Studies, 35 ECTS cr:**

700682A	Focus Areas in Ethics, 5 ECTS cr
700676A	World Religions, 5 ECTS cr
700683A	Multiculturalism and Minorities in Finland, 5 ECTS cr
700684A	Gender and Society, 5 ECTS cr
700685A	Knowledge, Values and Humanity, 5 ECTS cr
700686A	Culture, Environment and Ethics, 5 ECTS cr
700687A	The Relationship of Science and Religion, 5 ECTS cr

## **Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot**

700681P: A Global Approach to Ethics, 5 op  
 700686A: Culture, Environment and Ethics, 5 op  
 700682A: Focus Areas in Ethics, 5 op  
 700678P: Gender and Equality, 5 op  
 700684A: Gender and Society, 5 op  
 700680P: Introduction to Environmental Philosophy, 5 op  
 700679P: Introduction to Ethical Reasoning, 5 op  
 700677P: Introduction to Ethics, 5 op  
 700685A: Knowledge, Values and Humanity, 5 op  
 700683A: Multiculturalism and Minorities in Finland, 5 op  
 700687A: The Relationship of Science and Religion, 5 op  
 700676A: World Religions, 5 op

# Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

### 700681P: A Global Approach to Ethics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ari Helo

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700681P Global Issues and Nationalism 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will know the main aspects of Asian, American and African history of ideas and will be able to compare them to the Western history of ideas. Students will also be knowledgeable about a number of global problems, such as issues arising from racism, globalisation or climate change and will be able to explain the debate and solutions concerning these problems.

**Contents:**

Introduction to global problems and proposed solutions that represent various contexts of the history of ideas

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Basic-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Jussi Pakkasvirta and Pasi Saukkonen, *Nationalismit* AND Manuel Castells, *Networks of Outrage and Hope*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lecture exam and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Ari Helo

### 700686A: Culture, Environment and Ethics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Kari Antero

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700686A Culture, Environment and Ethics (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to describe the key issues of philosophy and ethics concerning the environment and culture in Finland.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Students completing the Intermediate studies in Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Kari Väyrynen, *Ympäristöfilosofian historia maaäitimyytistä Marxiin*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture exam and/or book exam or some other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

## 700682A: Focus Areas in Ethics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Kari Antero

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700682A Focus Areas in Ethics (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to philosophically analyse the central contemporary problem areas in practical ethics.

**Contents:**

Study of ethical perspectives in the contexts of particular special fields in Ethics

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

It is recommended that students have completed the course 700679P *Introduction to Ethics* before enrolling on the course.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Two of the following: Timo Airaksinen, *Ammattien ja ansaitsemisen etiikka*, Markku Oksanen, *Ympäristöetiikan perusteet*, Heta Gylling, *Kehityksen etiikka ja filosofia*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

**700678P: Gender and Equality, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ari Helo

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700678P Equality and Justice (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will recognise the fundamental concepts in Gender Studies and will be able to display an understanding of their meaning. Students will also be able to explain the societal significance of the themes of equality.

**Contents:**

Central concepts and main perspectives in gender studies

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Basic-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Johanna Kantola, Kevät Nousiainen and Milja Saari (eds.), *Tasa-arvo toisin nähtynä* AND Kati Mustola, *Sateenkaari-Suomi: seksuaali- ja sukupuolivähemmistöjen historiaa*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal examination and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

1–5

**Person responsible:**

Ari Helo

**700684A: Gender and Society, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700684A Gender and Society (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to describe the construction of femininity and masculinity and will be able to conceptualise how sexual identities are constructed in society.

**Contents:**

The history of gender and sexual minorities in Finland

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Two of the following:

Tuija Pulkkinen and Antu Sorainen (eds.), *Siveellisyydestä seksuaalisuuteen: Poliittisen käsitteen historia*,

Tuija Saresma, Maija-Leena Rossi and Tuula Juvonen (eds.), *Käsikirja sukupuoliin*,

Pirjo Markkola, Ann-Catrin Östman and Marko Lamberg, *Näkymätön sukupuoli: mieheyden pitkä historia*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and/or book exam or some other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Maija Kallinen

## 700680P: Introduction to Environmental Philosophy, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Kari Antero

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700680P Introduction to Environmental Philosophy (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will understand the central features of the fundamental problems and approaches in environmental philosophy.

**Contents:**

Introduction to environmental philosophy and its basic concepts

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Basic-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Markku Oksanen and Marjo Rauhala-Hayes (eds.), *Ympäristöfilosofia* AND Jussi Kotkavirta (ed.), *Luonnon luonto: filosofisia kirjoituksia luonnon käsitteestä ja kokemisesta*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture exam and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

**700679P: Introduction to Ethical Reasoning, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Kari Antero

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700679P Introduction to Ethical Reasoning (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to explain the fundamental ideas of theoretical ethics and will be capable of utilising the ideas to analyse ethical problems. Students will also be able to critically explain global ethical problems and define the ethical challenges of multiculturalism.

**Contents:**

Fundamental concepts and ideas of ethics

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Basic-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Juhani Pietarinen and Seppo Poutanen, *Etiikan teorioita* AND Juha Sihvola, *Maailmankansalaisen etiikka*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lecture examination and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Kari Väyrynen

## 700677P: Introduction to Ethics, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ari Helo

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700677P Introduction to Ethics (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will be capable of explaining ethics as a subject of study in schools and will be able to list the fundamental goals of ethics teaching. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between approaches in Ethics and the history of the Western concept of humanity.

**Contents:**

Fundamental concepts of Ethics and the history of the Western idea of humanity in a broad outline

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Basic-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Matti Kamppinen (ed.), *Elämäkatsomustieto* AND Taylor Charles, *Multiculturalism: Examining Politics of Recognition* (pp. 1–74)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0–5

**Person responsible:**

Ari Helo

## 700685A: Knowledge, Values and Humanity, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Kari Antero

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700685A Knowledge, Values and Humanity (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits



**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will be able to examine values philosophically in relation to the values' cultural and natural contexts. Students will be able to describe connections between philosophy of values and science, ethics and aesthetics. Students will be able to display knowledge of the fundamental questions in the philosophy of science, as well as knowledge of the special nature of the questions in the philosophy of social sciences. In addition, students will be able to analyse the metaphysical and epistemological limitations of science as well as its relation with values.

**Contents:**

Fundamental concepts and central theories in the philosophy of values and in the philosophy of science

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture exam and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Haapala (ed.), *Arvot, tiede, taide* AND Haapala and Oksanen (eds.), *Arvot ja luonnon arvottaminen* AND Raatikainen, *Ihmistieteet ja filosofia*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture exam and/or book exam or some other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**700683A: Multiculturalism and Minorities in Finland, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Mikko Myllykangas

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700683A Multiculturalism and Minorities in Finland (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to describe the history, culture and practices of ethnic minorities in Finland, and explain the problems that have arisen between the minorities and the general population. Students will be able to recognise and analyse the problems arising from the encounters between different cultures and ethnic groups in Finland.

**Contents:**

History of an ethnic minority and central themes of multiculturalism in Finland

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

Pirkko Pitkänen, *Näkökulmia Monikulttuuriseen Suomeen* AND Umayya Abu-Hanna, *Multikulti: Monikulttuurisuuden käsikirja*

In addition, one of the following:

Panu Pulma, *Suomen romanien historia*; Veli-Pekka Lehtola, *Saamelaiset suomalaiset*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Lecture examination and/or book exam or some other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Maija Kallinen

## 700687A: The Relationship of Science and Religion, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2015 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700687A The Relationship of Science and Religion (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to demonstrate a comprehensive view of the differences between scientific thought and religious thought in different historical contexts.

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Recommended or required reading:**

John Hedley Brooke, *Science and Religion*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and/or book exam or some other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Maija Kallinen

## 700676A: World Religions, 5 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Mikko Myllykangas

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay700676A World Religions (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Free

**Learning outcomes:**

Students will be able to analyse different religions and are capable of discussing philosophical problems related to religion.

**Contents:**

An overview of the principal religions in the world as well as fundamental concepts of Religious Studies

**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and/or independent study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lecture course and/or book exam

**Target group:**

Intermediate-level students of Ethics

**Recommended optional programme components:**

None

**Recommended or required reading:**

Juha and Katja Pentikäinen (eds.), *Uskonnot maailmassa* AND Ilkka Pyysiäinen, *Jumalten keinu*

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Formal lecture examination and/or book exam or other method agreed upon with the person responsible

**Grading:**

0-5

**Person responsible:**

Maija Kallinen

**Working life cooperation:**

No