	NIVERSITY OF BANJA LUKA FACULTY OF MEDICINE	
	UNDERGRADUATE STUDY	
Study programme:	**NURSING**	

Course title	**ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING**			
Course code	**Course status**	**Semester**	**Contact hours**	**ECTS credits**
	Mandatory	1	2 L + 0 E + 0 S (30)	2
Instructors and associates:	Prof. Goran Stojanović, PhD			

Prerequisites:	**Type of prerequisite**
None	

Course objectives:

The theoretical aim of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of ethics, to contemporary theories of normative ethics, and to their application to medical practice. Particular emphasis is placed on the historical development of medical ethics and on the classic moral problems raised by rapid scientific and technological progress.

Learning outcomes (acquired knowledge):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand the core concepts of ethics and to explain how medical ethics accounts for, and sets norms for, moral conduct in medical practice. Students will become familiar with the principal problems of medical ethics, as well as with its major codes and declarations.

Competencies:

1 (See Competencies Appendix)

Course content:

The course examines the fundamental psychological and sociological factors underlying the moral phenomenon, the historical development of medical ethics, and the emergence of contemporary bioethics. Particular attention is given to the ethical problems of nursing care, the relationship between healthcare professionals and patients, professional codes and declarations, and legal and ethical issues in medical practice.

Teaching methods and learning activities:

The instructor delivers the theoretical content through lectures, while the interactive component of the course takes the form of simulations, case-based problem solving drawn from clinical practice, and debates on controversial ethical issues. Student knowledge is assessed continuously, through written pre-exam assignments and an oral final exam, which together determine the final grade.

Reading list:

1. Williams JR. **Medical ethics manual**. 3rd ed. Ferney-Voltaire: World Medical Association; 2015. Available from: https://www.wma.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Ethics_manual_3rd_Nov2015_en.pdf
2. Stojanović G. **The ethical legacy of Hippocrates**. Scr Med. 2020;51(4):275-83. doi:10.5937/scriptamed51-28494. Available from: https://scriptamedica.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/11-STOJANOVI%C4%86-FINAL.pdf
3. **Important ethical documents for medical practice** (collection of documents)

Forms of assessment and grading:

Pre-exam requirements		Final exam		Total points
Attendance and participation	**20**			**100**
Test 1	**40**			
Test 2	**40**			

Special notes on the course:

Name of the instructor who prepared the information: Prof. Goran Stojanović, PhD