

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Study programme information

1.1 Higher education institution	Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara
1.2 Faculty / Department	Chimie-Biologie-Geografie/Geografie
1.3 Sub-department	
1.4 Field of study	Geography
1.5 Level of study	Master's degree
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	Geographic Information Systems

2. Course information

2.1 Course title	Ethics research						
2.2 Course convenor/ Lecturer	dr. Raluca VĂDUVA						
2.3 Teaching assistant	dr. Raluca VĂDUVA						
2.4 Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	I	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course type	DC/DOB

3. Total estimated time (hours of didactic activities per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	2	of which: 3.2 lecture	1	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	28	of which: 3.5 lecture	14	3.6 seminar/laboratory	14
Time distribution:					hours
Studying textbooks, course materials, bibliography, and notes					6
Further research in libraries, on electronic platforms and in the field					6
Preparing seminars/ laboratories, homework, research papers, portfolios and essays					6
Tutoring					2
Examinations					2
Other activities					-
3.7 Total hours of individual study	22				
3.8 Total hours per semester	50				
3.9 Number of credits	2				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable)

4.1 based on curriculum	
4.2 based on competencies	

5. Conditions (if applicable)

5.1 for the course	-
5.2 for the seminar/laboratory	-

6. Accumulated specific competencies

Knowledge	-knowledge of ethical theories relevant to understanding how ethics is applied in research -identification and evaluation of key principles of ethical research -knowledge of the fundamental elements of academic writing -identification of potential ethical issues relating to your own research
Professional skills	-knowledge and implementation of codes of ethics and professional conduct and university integrity -identification of and solving potentially conflicting situations with ethical implications in the university environment -use of specific concepts, theories and methods to explain the phenomena associated with the concepts of ethics and academic integrity to a language specific to research ethics

Responsibility and autonomy	-applying efficient and responsible work strategies, based on the principles, norms and values of the code of professional ethics -compliance with ethical and deontological standards -demonstrating objectivity in reasoning and interventions, scientific rigor and scientific correctness -applying efficient work techniques in a multidisciplinary team, ethical attitude towards the group, respect for diversity and multiculturalism, acceptance of diversity of opinion
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7. Course objectives (as resulting from the accumulated specific competencies)

7.1. General objective	understanding the importance of the course in the university environment, acquiring the specific characteristics of ethics and academic integration in the perspective of developing a professional career, not necessarily university.
Specific objectives	knowledge of the characteristics of the course in the field of geographical sciences.

8. Content

8.1. Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
Introduction to Ethics in scientific research. Research ethics: why it matters. Necessity and reality. National and international concerns.	Scientific lecture, dialogue, explanation, case studies	2 hours
Standards of integrity in teaching and research in higher education. Codes of ethics in universities. Professional codes of ethics	Scientific lecture, dialogue, explanation, case studies	2 hours
Elaboration of scientific materials (scientific papers, reports, essays). Ethical aspects specific to scientific research: from planning to communication of research	Scientific lecture, dialogue, explanation, case studies	2 hours
Elaboration of scientific materials: most frequently used methods in scientific research	Scientific lecture, dialogue, explanation	2 hours
Teamwork: deontological aspects, results, dissemination, relativity/ambiguity	Scientific lecture, dialogue, explanation	2 hours
Fraud in scientific research / science.	Description, explanation	2 hours
Plagiarism and self-plagiarism: definition, forms	Description, explanation	2 hours
Anti-plagiarism software: limitations, advantages	Description, explanation	2 hours

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8.2. Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks
Introduction to Ethics in scientific research. Research ethics: why it matters.	Case studies, debate, explanation.	2 hours
Morality, ethics, integrity and academic deontology. Corruption (bribery) in the university environment.	Case studies, debate, explanation.	2 hours
Writing scientific materials: bachelor's, dissertation and doctorate theses, scientific articles, essays, reports. Rules.	Case studies, debate, explanation.	2 hours
Writing scientific materials: bachelor's, dissertation and doctorate theses, scientific articles, essays, reports. Rules.	Case studies, debate, explanation.	2 hours
Teamwork: documentation, results, dissemination.	Case studies, debate, explanation.	2 hours
Plagiarism and self-plagiarism. How to use dedicated software to verify scientific papers?	Case studies, debate, explanation. Demonstration.	2 hours
Presentations of reports/essays/ papers	Presentations	2 hours

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9. Corroborating course content with the expectations held by the representatives of the epistemic community, professional associations and typical employers in the field of the study programme

Course content will offer the students the necessary rules and regulations of ethical conduct in all university activities and human relations.

10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final mark
10.4 Course	Understanding and assimilating theoretical knowledge	Written exam - multiple choice test	30%
10.5 Seminar / laboratory	Research project	Assessment of the written report	40%
	Quality of the content and presentation	Assessment of the project presentation	30%
10.6 Minimum performance standard			
grade 5 at the written exam			
grade 5 at the research project			
grade 5 at the oral presentation			

Date
12.09.2025

Course convenor's signature
dr. Raluca VĂDUVA

Date of approval in the department

Head of department's signature