



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Professional ethics 211 (BPE 211)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Humanities</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BCom (Accounting Sciences)</a>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 lecture per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Philosophy
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

In the first quarter of this module students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. In particular philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision making. We demonstrate to students how the most important questions concerning the socio-economic aspects of our lives can be broken down and illuminated through reasoned debate. Examples of themes which may be covered in the module include justice and the common good, a moral consideration of the nature and role of economic markets on society, issues concerning justice and equality, and dilemmas of loyalty. The works of philosophers covered may for instance include that of Aristotle, Locke, Bentham, Mill, Kant, Rawls, Friedman, Nozick, Bernstein, Dworkin, Sandel, Walzer, MacIntyre, Bujo, Wiredu, and Gyekye. In the second quarter of the module the focus is on professionalism, careers and ethics. Codes of ethics in business and professions, professional codes, as well as ethical issues in the accountancy profession are discussed.

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