

## **CODE BSPH-411 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

### **Course Objectives:**

After studying this course, you should be able to:

- i. Ability to engage in informed critical reflection on the nature of professionalism and ethical challenges inherent in professionalism
- ii. Knowledge of prominent normative ethics frameworks – consequentialist, deontological, virtue, and contractualism
- iii. Awareness of types of ethical challenges and dilemmas confronting members of a range of professions (business, media, police, law, medicine, research)
- iv. Ability to bring to bear ethical analysis and reasoning in the light of normative ethics frameworks on a selection of ethical challenges and dilemmas across the chosen range of professions
- v. Ability to relate ethical concepts and materials to ethical problems in specific professions and professionalism
- vi. Ability to research appropriate material in relation to set questions in writing essays meeting the highest standards of rigor and clarity

### **Course Contents:**

- i. Understanding of the ethical problems and principles.
- ii. Understanding of the professionalism and ethics of other professions: how they interact and what can be expected from them as correct ethical behavior.
- iii. Benefit from a critical scrutiny of their own ethics by those from other professions.
- iv. The general principles of professional ethics.
- v. Ethics of several major professions: Business Ethics, Media Ethics, Police Ethics, Medical Ethics, Legal Ethics, and Research Ethics.
- vi. The nature of a profession, professional codes of ethics, confidentiality, whistleblowing.
- vii. The responsibility of business to the environment, uses and abuses of human research.
- viii. Animal ethics in research.

### **Recommended Books:**

1. Professional Ethics fifteen edition by City Law School 2010.
2. Professional Ethics and Etiquette by Facts On File, Inc. 2014.
3. Ethics for the Professions. John Rowan & Samuel Zinaich, Jr. Wadsworth. 2003
4. Justin Oakley, Dean Cocking, Virtue ethics and professional roles. Cambridge University Press, 2001
5. Ruth F. Chadwick, (ed.) Ethics and the professions, Avebury, 1994.
6. Joan C. Callahan, Ethical issues in professional life, Oxford University Press, 1988.
7. Alan H. Goldman, The moral foundations of professional ethics, Rowman and Littlefield, 1980