# Syllabus

## Course description

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### Specific educational objectives
The introductory course provides an overview of career options resulting from successfully completing a PhD with a special focus on an academic career and its assessment and promotion schemes. As a result of increasing competition and other factors, cases of scholarly misconduct, i.e., unethical behavior, have increased lately. The course, therefore, makes PhD candidates familiar with ethical standards and principles that underlie professional responsibilities and discusses cases of doubt.

### Lecturer
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### Scientific sector of the lecturer
SECS-P/08

### Teaching language
English

### Office hours
Please refer to the lecturer’s web page

### List of topics covered
Part I:
- General career options resulting from meta-skills (e.g., systematization, theory, methods, conceptual thinking) in management and professional analyst positions.
- Overview of major elements and processes of an academic career (e.g., how does an academic career look like? What essential skills do I need to be successful? how
are scholars evaluated and promoted?)

**Part II:**
Basic principles of good practice in academic research; different forms of misconduct and unethical behavior in academic research; consequences

**Teaching format**
The course is a mixture of short presentations and readings and will be taught in a seminar style. Students are encouraged to engage actively in class discussions.

| **Learning outcomes** | Knowledge and understanding:
| | • knowledge of career options;
| | • knowledge of specific conditions of academic careers;
| | • knowledge of specific ethical issues and codes of ethics.

Applying knowledge and understanding:
• reading and discussing papers and cases on cheating, plagiarism, and academic misconduct;
• development of a sensitivity for ethical issues.

Making judgments:
• assessment of different cases and ways of academic misconduct.

Learning skills:
• autonomous reasoning;
• independent judgement.

**Assessment**
**Active participation**

**Assessment language**
**English**

**Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks**
Summary and in-class discussion of reading assignments or cases; participation in discourses and discussions.

**Required readings**
https://www.ethicsboard.org/iesba-code
https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/0022051041409066
Additional readings may be handed out or provided in electronic form at the beginning of the course.

**Supplementary readings**
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