

Study Programme: Veterinary medicine
Course Unit Title: Veterinary ethics
Course Unit Code: 3IVM1005
Name of Lecturer(s): Dr Zdenko Kanački, associate professor; Dr Marija Pajić, assistant professor
Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate academic studies
Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory
Semester (winter/summer): Winter
Language of instruction: English
Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face
Number of ECTS Allocated: 2
Prerequisites: None
Course Aims: The course allows student to acquire: 1. knowledge about certain elements of veterinary medical ethics (legal and ethical issues and responsibilities, ethical and deontological principles, protection of rights and welfare of the animals, ethological principles, ecological principles); 2. skills in implementing of the ethical norms in everyday veterinary practice and research; 3. the ability to evaluate different aspects of ethical issues in veterinary medicine.
Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the course in veterinary ethics cases student should be able to: 1. define and explain concepts related to the ethics in veterinary medicine; 2. describe and analyze ethical issues in veterinary practice and research; 3. establish the ethical justification for the use of animals in a different experiments and prevent their abuse; 4. evaluate the responsibility of the veterinarians in a variety of situations; 5 participates in the development of general environmental awareness and environmental ethics.
<p>Syllabus:</p> <p><i>Theory:</i> Ethics in veterinary medicine, historical and contemporary aspects; Deontology and ethics in veterinary medicine; Professional deontology; Veterinary deontology throughout history and today; veterinarian and general ethical principles; The expertise and conscientiousness; Preserving the health of animals; The production of safe food of animal origin; Preservation of human health by suppression of zoonoses; Preserving the environment; Providing aid without discrimination; Providing emergency assistance; Monitoring of scientific achievements and professional development; The transfer of knowledge; Loyalty to the organization and co-workers; Keeping business and professional secrets; Information and Education of animal keepers; The relationship between veterinarians; Expert professional organization of veterinarians and others in society; The problem of animals in experiments - Prevention of Torture; Ethics of diagnostic and scientific research and health care; Code of professional ethics in veterinary medicine and development and compliance with the Code; Morality in the work: Professional Ethics; The role of veterinarians in the prevention of abuse of animals and their rights; Ethical aspects of genetic engineering (innovation) in veterinary medicine; The role of veterinarians in developing environmental awareness and environmental ethics; Good veterinary practice.</p> <p><i>Practice:</i> The exercises are conducted through seminars, active student participation in discussions on selected topics, by working in groups and in the form of workshops.</p>
<p>Required Reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Đukić B.: Veterinasko-medicinska etika. Vukans, Šabac, 1996. 2. Firdus Dž.: Etika. Veterinarski fakultet, Beograd, 1995. 3. Marić J.: Medicinska etika. Medicinski fakultet, Beograd, 2003.

Weekly Contact Hours: 2	Lectures: 1	Practical work: 1	
Teaching Methods: Lectures and practical classes in the form of discussions.			
Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Lecture attendance	5	written exam	70
Exercise attendance	5		
Seminar	10		
The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.			