# School of Social Sciences course summary

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## Summary of the course

This course introduces you to the key ideas in applied and professional ethics as these inform and are integrated with social work practice and theory. It addresses the Australian Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics (2010) and enables you to develop a critical understanding of the underlying ideas that inform the ethical principles behind the Code. It also seeks to prepare you to engage with ethics as a key element of your future role as a professional practitioner. To achieve this, the course is integrated with the learning from SOCW3011 Social Work Practice - Level Three Placement, and must normally be taken alongside that course. The interactive style of teaching seeks to help you develop your capacities to reflect critically on your own practice in order to promote your grasp of life-long learning as a foundation for engaging with ethics in practice.

## Course learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Articulate an understanding of the core ethical principles of social work, as set out in the AASW *Code of Ethics* (2010)
2. Construct plausible arguments about the ethical and value debates and challenges in professional social work
3. Demonstrate the capacity to reflect critically on her/his own practice using ethical principles
For the purpose of attendance monitoring, the final assessment for this course is the case study worth 35% of your overall grade for this course. This is the assessment item that will be graded at zero if you do not meet the attendance requirement for this course (see https://socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/resources/policies-guidelines/).

The full course outline will be available in Moodle in Orientation (O) Week, from Monday 22 February 2016.