

KVE301. UNIVERSAL HUMAN VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

30 Hours

Course Content:

UNIT-I

Course Introduction - Need, Basic Guidelines, Content and Process for Value Education
Understanding the need, basic guidelines, content and process for Value Education, Self-Exploration—what is it? - its content and process; ‘Natural Acceptance’ and Experiential Validation- as the mechanism for self-exploration, Continuous Happiness and Prosperity- A look at basic Human Aspirations, Right understanding, Relationship and Physical Facilities the basic requirements for fulfilment of aspirations of every human being with their correct priority, Understanding Happiness and Prosperity correctly- A critical appraisal of the current scenario, Method to fulfil the above human aspirations: understanding and living in harmony at various levels.

UNIT-II

Understanding Harmony in the Human Being - Harmony in Myself Understanding human being as a co-existence of the sentient ‘I’ and the material ‘Body’, Understanding the needs of Self (‘I’) and ‘Body’ - Sukh and Suvidha, Understanding the Body as an instrument of ‘I’ (I being the doer, seer and enjoyer), Understanding the characteristics and activities of ‘I’ and harmony in ‘I’, Understanding the harmony of I with the Body: Sanyam and Swasthya; correct appraisal of Physical needs, meaning of Prosperity in detail, Programs to ensure Sanyam and Swasthya.

UNIT-III

Understanding Harmony in the Family and Society- Harmony in Human-Human Relationship Understanding harmony in the Family- the basic unit of human interaction, Understanding values in human-human relationship; meaning of Nyaya and program for its fulfillment to ensure Ubhay-tripti; Trust (Vishwas) and Respect (Samman) as the foundational values of relationship, Understanding the meaning of Vishwas; Difference between intention and competence, Understanding the meaning of Samman, Difference between respect and differentiation; the other salient values in relationship, Understanding the harmony in the society (society being an extension of family): Samadhan, Samridhi, Abhay, Sah-astitva as comprehensive Human Goals, Visualizing a universal harmonious order in society Undivided Society (Akhand Samaj), Universal Order (Sarvabhaum Vyawastha)- from family to world family.

UNIT-IV

Understanding Harmony in the Nature and Existence - Whole existence as Co-existence
Understanding the harmony in the Nature, Interconnectedness and mutual fulfilment among the four orders of nature- recyclability and self-regulation in nature, Understanding Existence as Co-existence (Sah-Astitva) of mutually interacting units in all-pervasive space, Holistic perception of harmony at all levels of existence.

UNIT-V

Implications of the above Holistic Understanding of Harmony on Professional Ethics
Natural acceptance of human values, Definitiveness of Ethical Human Conduct, Basis for Humanistic Education, Humanistic Constitution and Humanistic Universal Order, Competence in Professional Ethics: a) Ability to utilize the professional competence for augmenting universal human order, b) Ability to identify the scope and characteristics of people-friendly and eco-friendly production systems, technologies and management models, Case studies of typical holistic technologies, management models and production systems, Strategy for transition from the present state to Universal Human Order: a) At the level of individual: as socially and ecologically responsible engineers, technologists and managers, b) At the level of society: as mutually enriching institutions and organizations.

Recommended books:

- A Foundation Course in Human Values and Professional Ethics by R.R. Gaur, R Sangal, G P. Bagaria, 2009.
- Energy & Equity by Ivan Illich, 1974, the Trinity Press, Worcester, and Harper Collins, USA.
- Small Is Beautiful: A Study of Economics As If People Mattered by E.F. Schumacher, 1973, Blond & Briggs, Britain.
- How the Other Half Dies by Susan George, 1976, Penguin Press. Reprinted 1986, 1991.
- Limits to Growth – Club of Rome's report by Donella H. Meadows, Dennis L. Meadows, Jorgen Randers, William W. Behrens III, 1972, Universe Books.
- Jeevan Vidya Ek Parichay by A. Nagraj, 1998, Divya Path Sansthan, Amarkantak.
- Science and Humanism by P.L. Dhar, RR Gaur, 1990, Commonwealth Publishers.
- Human Values by A.N. Tripathy, 2003, New Age International Publishers.
- How to Practice Natural Farming by Subhas Palekar, 2000, Pracheen (Vaidik) Krishi Tantra Shodh, Amravati.
- Fundamentals of Ethics for Scientists & Engineers by E G Seebauer & Robert L. Berry, 2000, Oxford University Press.
- Engineering Ethics (including Human Values) by M Govindrajran, S Natrajan & V.S. Senthil Kumar, Eastern Economy Edition, Prentice Hall of India Ltd.
- Foundations of Ethics and Management by B.P. Banerjee, Excel Books.