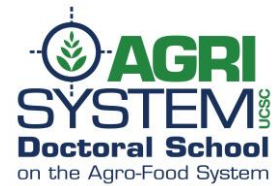




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RESEARCH ETHICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

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Course Aims

The course aims at introducing students to some fundamental concepts and current debates about the validity/reliability of scientific knowledge and practice, and their inevitable connections with ethics, especially research ethics, and policy.

Through lectures and discussions students should start developing the awareness and sensibility to detect, understand and address the ethical issues involved in their research work both at the theoretical and practical level.

Methodology

The course will encompass lectures, videos, and discussions with students. Students will be required to attend the classes and to actively participate in the discussions. Grades will be based on a final exam and on participation.

Course Description

The course provides a general introduction to epistemology and research ethics. The current debates surrounding scientific uncertainties will be introduced and widely explored. Some main ethical perspectives concerning nonhuman animals (as individuals and as species) will be also presented and discussed.

Recommended Texts

Reading materials will be uploaded on the Instructor's website at the beginning of the course.