CONSUMER'S ETHICAL BEHAVIOR (EMaCS-01-04)						
DEGREE PROGRAM:		Master in Computer Science for the Human-Centric and Sustainable				
		Industry				
SEMESTER:	TYPE:	CREDITS:	WORKLOAD:	MENTORING:		
First	Basic	3 ECTS	75 hours	2 hours/week		
LANGUAGE: English						

OBJECTIVES		
General	The student will acquire skills in the circular economy discipline. Specifically, concepts based in consumer ethical behaviour. In this sense, the concepts to be learned are related to decisions rules such as Purchasing Policy and Codes of Ethics.	
Specific	 Understand and relate the key concepts of the circular economy, transferring them to the business environment. Manage specific tools to handle the economy into circular practice. Be able to adapt marketing tools to a Circular Economy environment and communication by suggesting new models of design (AI). Integrate ethical and political aspects of consumer behaviour in the decision-making oriented towards the Circular Economy. Develop the ability to argue, communicate and transfer results and conclusions derived from economic, sustainable and engineering analysis. Develop an attitude and critical thinking with the objectives and economic behaviors predominant in today's societies. 	

SUSTAINABILITY

The course "Consumer's Ethical Behavior" has a strong focus on sustainability by addressing specific competencies and objectives related to the circular economy and ethical consumer behavior. Understanding key concepts of the circular economy and the ability to apply specific tools for circular practices reflect a commitment to sustainability. Adapting marketing tools to a Circular Economy environment and suggesting new design models, such as artificial intelligence (AI), highlight the integration of sustainability into advanced business practices.

RESILIENCE AND HUMAN-CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT

The course promotes resilience and human-centred development by addressing competencies that include decision-making skills, critical reasoning, and interpersonal skills. The emphasis on business ethics, sustainability, and ethical aspects of consumer behavior reinforces the importance of human and ethical considerations in decisions related to the Circular Economy. Promoting attitudes and values that favour ethical engagement, social responsibility, and sustainable development contributes to the holistic development of students and their ability to address complex situations from a comprehensive perspective. Willingness to participate in collaborative projects to support real-world situations in circular economy-based businesses, guided by an ethical policy, strengthens the connection between resilience, human-centred development, and ethical and sustainable business practices.

SUBJECT MATTER

- Business ethics and sustainability.
- Ethical behavior: designing and implementing ethical codes.
- Ethical aspects of the consumer.
- Responsibility of ICTs in the role of the consumer. Conflicts and strategies.
- Purchase policy.
- The human factor in business: motivation, needs, power and methodologies for behavior improvement.

COMPETENCES

- C1. AQUIRING DATA, INFORMATION AND DIGITAL CONTENT
- C3. MANAGING AND EVALUATING DATA, INFORMATION AND DIGITAL CONTENT
- C7. PROTECTING PERSONAL DATA AND PRIVACY
- C9. REFLECTING ON ETHICAL OUTCOMES
- C10. EXPLORATORY AND CRITICAL THINKING

- C12. IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESPONSES
- C14. SOLVING TECHNICAL PROBLEMS
- C16. WORKING WITH OTHERS
- C17. COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Knowledge	 Know how to combine concept and practice on the three branches of knowledge on which these studies are based: lean engineering, efficient economics and environmental sustainability. 		
Skills	 Acquire the capacity for autonomous learning by integrating experience, new knowledge and concern for the knowledge and lifelong learning. Develop decision-making skills, critical reasoning and interpersonal skills. Acquire commitment to ethics and responsibility with society and the sustainable development, including aspects such as inclusion and the promotion of a culture of peace and democratic values. Develop and apply holistic thinking, reflecting from the Integration of diverse learning in multidisciplinary fields, which helps to address complex situations. 		
Attitudes/values	 Be open to engage in collaborative projects to support and enhance real situations at company based on circular economy context guiding by an ethical policy. 		

TEACHING METHODS

Method	Class Workload	Individual Workload	Total
Theoretical Sessions	12	12	24
Seminar Sessions	12	21	33
Research and writing of an applied project	2	10	12
Written Examinations	1	5	6
TOTAL	27 hours	48 hours	75 hours

EVALUATION

Evaluation Procedure	Percentage on the subject grade
Seminars Reports	20%
Applied Project	40%
Written Examinations	40%
TOTAL	100%

PRECONDITIONS

None

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LECTURERS	Ana María Lara Palma		
LITERATURE	 Herman Tavani, (2013) Ethics and Technology, WILEY. Dionisio Cámara, Ildefonso Grande, Ignacio Cruz, (2000) Dirección de marketing, PEARSON, Prentice Hall, 0-13-012217-3, Hayden Noel, (2009) Blume Marketing: El comportamiento del Consumidor, BLUME, 978-84-8076-968-6. 		