



Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

Curriculum 2024/2025

For course

Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Study program: Medical Studies in English (R) (elective)

University integrated undergraduate and graduate study

Department: Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in Medicine

Course coordinator: izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša

Year of study: 1
ECTS: 1.5
Incentive ECTS: 0 (0.00%)

Foreign language: Possibility of teaching in a foreign language

Course information:

Introduce participants with fundamental ethical issues related to the development and application of artificial intelligence.

List of assigned reading:

Lecture presentations.

Christoph Bartneck , Christoph Lütge , Alan Wagner , Sean Welsh, An Introduction to Ethics in Robotics and AI, Springer, 2021. Open access: https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-51110-4

Silja Voeneky, Philipp Kellmeyer, Oliver Mueller, Wolfram Burgard, *The Cambridge Handbook of Responsible Artificial Intelligence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Cambridge, 2022. (selected parts)

High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI HLEG). *Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI*, Brussels, 2019, available at: https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/ai-alliance-consultation.1.html (selected parts)

Niklas Lidströmer, Hutan Ashrafian (eds.), Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Springer, 2022. (selected parts)

List of optional reading:

Manda Raz, Tam C. Nguyen, Erwin Loh (eds.), Artificial Intelligence in Medicine. Applications, Limitations and Future Directions, Springer, 2022. (selected parts)

Curriculum:

Lectures list (with titles and explanation):

Artificial Intelligence

Students will be able to recognize, describe and critically discuss Al topics: The Turing Test; Strong and Weak Al; Types of Al Systems; What Is Machine Learning?; What Is a Robot?; Sense-Plan-Act / System Integration; What Is Hard for Al; Science and Fiction of Al.

Ethical theories related to Al

Students will be able to describe and discuss fundamental elements of ethical theories related to AI, such as:

Descriptive Ethics; Normative Ethics; Deontological Ethics; Consequentialist Ethics; Virtue Ethics; Meta-ethics; Applied Ethics; Relationship Between Ethics and Law; Machine Ethics / Machine Ethics Examples / Moral Diversity and Testing.

Introduction to the topic

Students will be able to explain the fundamental concepts related to the topic of ethics of artificial intelligence.

Seminars list (with titles and explanation):

Trust and Fairness in AI Systems

Students will be able to recognize and identify the key aspects of trust and fairness in Al Systems.

Responsibility and Liability in the Case of AI Systems

Students will be able to identify the main arguments concerning responsibility and liability in the case of AI systems.

Psychological Aspects of Al

Students will be able to recognize and identify main issues regarding psychological aspects of AI.

Privacy Issues of AI

Students will be able to describe and discuss fundamental elements of privacy issues of Al.

Application Areas of Al

Students will be able to identify the main concerns regarding application areas of Al.

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Presentations of students' essays on selected topics

Students critically analyze a selected topic related to ethics and artificial intelligence and showcase their depth of understanding and analytical skills.

Student obligations:

Regular attendance, written seminar paper and final examination.

Exam (exam taking, description of the written/oral/practical part of the exam, point distribution, grading criteria):

Assessment is carried out in accordance with the Rules of Assessment of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka: course attendance 54 (%), written seminar paper 23 (%), and final exam 23 (%).

Other notes (related to the course) important for students:

COURSE HOURS 2024/2025

Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Lectures (Place and time or group)	Seminars (Place and time or group)	
14.03.2025		
Introduction to the topic: • Z5 (09:00 - 09:45) [1602] • EAAI		
Artificial Intelligence: • Z5 (09:45 - 11:15) [1602] • EAAI		
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]		
21.03.2025		
Ethical theories related to AI: • ONLINE (10:30 - 12:00) [1602] • EAAI	Ethical theories related to AI: • ONLINE (12:00 - 13:30) [1602] • EAAI	
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]		
04.04.2025		
	Ethical theories related to AI: • P03 - IT CLASSROOM (12:30 - 13:15) [1602] • EAAI Artificial Intelligence: • P03 - IT CLASSROOM (13:15 - 15:30) [1602] • EAAI	
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]		
25.04.2025		
	Artificial Intelligence: • ONLINE (16:30 - 17:15) [1602] • EAAI Psychological Aspects of AI: • ONLINE (17:15 - 18:00) [1602] • EAAI Trust and Fairness in AI Systems:	
	• ONLINE (18:15 - 20:30) [1602] • EAAI	
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]		
30.04.2025		
	Responsibility and Liability in the Case of Al Systems: • ONLINE (16:30 - 18:45) [1602] • EAAI	
	Privacy Issues of AI: • ONLINE (18:45 - 20:15) [1602] • EAAI	
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]	I	
15.05.2025		

	Application Areas of AI: • Z-hall (08:30 - 09:15) [1602] • EAAI
	Presentations of students' essays on selected topics: • Z-hall (09:20 - 11:45) [1602] • EAAI
izv. prof. dr. sc. Horvat Saša ^[1602]	

List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

LECTURES (TOPIC)	Number of hours	Location
Artificial Intelligence	2	Z 5
Ethical theories related to Al	2	ONLINE
Introduction to the topic	1	Z5

SEMINARS (TOPIC)	Number of hours	Location
Trust and Fairness in Al Systems	3	ONLINE
Responsibility and Liability in the Case of Al Systems	3	ONLINE
Psychological Aspects of Al	1	ONLINE
Privacy Issues of Al	2	ONLINE
Application Areas of Al	1	Z-hall
Artificial Intelligence	4	ONLINE P03 - IT CLASSROOM
Ethical theories related to Al	3	ONLINE P03 - IT CLASSROOM
Presentations of students' essays on selected topics		Z-hall

EXAM DATES (final exam):

1.	02.06.2025.
2.	10.06.2025.
3.	10.07.2025.
4.	04.09.2025.