

# HS401 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (2-0-0:2)

## **Engineering and Society**

What is Engineering? The Engineering View; The Engineering Image; The Engineer's Challenge: Cost, Deadlines, and Safety.

## **Moral Dilemmas in Engineering**

Engineering & Business.

## **Frameworks for Engineering Ethics**

Moral Thinking and Moral Theories; Codes of Engineering Ethics; Support for Ethical Engineers.

## **Engineering Ethics and Public Policy**

Risk Assessment and Communication; Product Liability; Engineering and Sustainable Development.

## **Intellectual property**

Foundations of intellectual property; Copyrights, Patents, and Trade secrets; Software piracy; Software patents; Transnational issues concerning intellectual property.

## **Entrepreneurship**

Prospects and pitfalls; Monopolies and their economic implications; Effect of skilled labor supply and demand on the quality of computing products; Pricing strategies.

## **Case Studies in Engineering Ethics**

Challenger Disaster; Hyatt Regency Walkway Collapse; The Pfizer Heart Valve Case; The Therac-25 Case; The Enron Corporation; The Satyam Scam etc.

## **Text Books:**

1. Mike, Martin and Roland Schinzinger, *"Ethics in Engineering"*, McGraw Hill, New York.
2. Charles E Harris, Michael S Pritchard and Michael J Rabins, *"Engineering Ethics - Concepts and Cases"*, Thompson Learning.

## **References:**

1. Charles D Fleddermann, "Engineering Ethics", Prentice Hall, New Mexico.
2. John R Boatright, "Ethics and the Conduct of Business", Pearson Education.
3. Edmund G Seebauer and Robert L Barry, "Fundamentals of Ethics for Scientists and Engineers", Oxford University Press.