

Classroom & Online Training

Business Ethics for Managers

The Parable of the
Sadhu: Individual
Moral Obligation vs.
Corporate Goals?

Level: Intermediate / Advanced

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Bowen McCoy, a senior manager at Morgan Stanley, and a group of mountaineers have been preparing over six years to climb the Himalayas. Thousands of dollars had been spent on this expedition. At an extremely challenging part of the climb, the group comes upon a holy man – a Sadhu, who was dying from hypothermia. The group, and thereby each individual within the group, were faced with an unfortunate dilemma – to continue the climb and achieve their goals or carry the Sadhu two days back to a town to save the life of a stranger.

This programme explores the challenges of personal ethics when applied to a group – when personal moral values clash with group norms and how organisational culture can impact the ethical climate of an entity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this programme, participants will be able to:

- Appraise the levels of accountability in an organisation
- Assess the philosophical and psychological approaches to business ethics
- Reflect on cultural typologies and how they influence organisational behaviour
- Formulate a view on what constitutes ethical and professional behaviour in an organisation
- Evaluate practical decision making and moral judgement and finding the balance between the two

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Levels of Accountability in an Organisation

This module examines Bank Negara Malaysia's (BNM) approaches to strengthening conduct and culture in the financial services industry. Corporate governance principles are examined and case studies done to demonstrate that a code of ethics alone does not deter inappropriate behaviour.

Case Study: Carries Tolstedt

Case Study: Aman Shah

Philosophical and Psychological Approaches to Business Ethics

Prescriptive ethical theories developed by philosophers designed to help individual decide what they should do in response to ethical dilemmas are compared and contrasted with psychological theories that describe what individuals actually do due to mental and emotional processes that influence how people think and behave.

Case Study: Ethical issues in Artificial Intelligence in banking and finance

Case Study: Katharine Gun

Cultural Typologies and Organisational Behaviour

This module examines the role of culture in organisational behaviour. Hofstede theory is discussed to understand how cultural dimensions differ in various cultures and its impact in ethical decision making.

Case Study: CNN

Professional Behaviour in an Organisation

Here we consider what professionalism means in banking and the role of professional bodies. While professionalism may be seen to be demonstrating technical competencies, various behavioural attributes have been acknowledged as critical in creating the basis of a profession.

Case Studies: A series of caselets using MCQs to test the ability of participants to make ethical decisions in various real life banking scenarios.

Practical Ethical Decision Making

In making real world ethical decisions, one has to take into consideration sustainability, political forces, eastern philosophies and long term consequences in arriving at pragmatic ethical decisions.

Case Study: Ibn Rushd's influence in practical ethical decision making

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