

COURSE DETAIL

THE ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

Exeter College, University of Oxford

Program(s)

Summer in Oxford, Exeter College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

109

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

ETHICS OF AI

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course introduces AI ethics, focusing on fundamental philosophical questions about the nature and implications of artificial intelligence. It is structured around twelve topics, such as: What is the nature of artificial intelligence? Can AI systems be moral agents? Can AI systems have minds, consciousness, or knowledge? How can we collaborate with AI systems while maintaining trust and avoiding discrimination? Can AI systems speak meaningfully and refer to the world? Do AI systems pose an existential threat to humanity? The course discusses some of the most pressing concerns in contemporary AI ethics, including trustworthiness, explainability, discrimination, alignment with human values, and the potential risks posed by advanced AI systems. At the end of this course, students should: understand central issues in the ethics of AI, understand relevant relations between these issues, clearly and concisely expound these issues in their own words, critically discuss questions and assess arguments, offer well-founded views on these issues.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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