

ETHICAL ISSUES AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Note: In this scoring guide, the phrase “ethical issues and social responsibility” refers to the impact and value of individuals and their choices on society – intellectually, socially, and personally.

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| 6 (highest) | <p>Portfolio creatively and comprehensively articulates approaches to ethical issues and social responsibility, in a scholarly manner, citing specific evidence. Demonstrates an ability to view multiple sides of these issues, to question what is being taught, and to construct independent meaning and interpretations.</p> <p>Portfolio presents well-developed ideas on the role of ethical issues and social responsibility in both private and public life. Demonstrates a deep awareness of how a conceptual understanding of ethical issues and social responsibility manifests concretely in one’s own personal choices, including decisions on when and how to act.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Portfolio analyzes ethical issues and social responsibility in a scholarly manner, and makes thoughtful connections between this area of study and its effects on lives, ideas, and events.</p> <p>Portfolio discusses explicitly how a deepening understanding of ethical issues and social responsibility has influenced personal opinions, decisions, and views on the role of self in society.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Portfolio thoughtfully analyzes, in a scholarly manner, a situation or situations in which ethical issues and social responsibility have played an important role. Begins to investigate connections between areas of controversy, and to extrapolate meaning from specific examples.</p> <p>Portfolio applies learning in ethical issues and social responsibility to issues that arise in everyday life, and contemplates the impact of personal ethical choices and social action in the context of interpersonal and broader societal spheres.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Portfolio exhibits a working knowledge of major themes and scholarly debates surrounding ethical issues and social responsibility, and applies this understanding to some topic(s), but offers no independent analysis.</p> <p>References ethical issues and social responsibility as a subject of personal inquiry, begins to question established views, and contemplates in some way the value and impact of individual choices and personal action on one’s broader community.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Portfolio mentions some issue(s) involving ethics and/or talks about social responsibility in a general fashion, but does not discuss these areas in a meaningful way.</p> <p>Portfolio contains some evidence of self-reflection in the area of ethical issues and/or social responsibility, but this reflection is superficial and reveals little or no questioning of established views.</p> |
| 1 (lowest) | <p>Portfolio displays little or no engagement with the subjects of ethical issues and social responsibility.</p> <p>Demonstrates little or no recognition of ethical issues and social responsibility as subjects worthy of personal inquiry.</p> |

X = No Basis for Scoring (use only for missing or malfunctioning portfolios)