

PROGRAM ON VALUES IN SOCIETY

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN ETHICS

The Program on Values in Society offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Ethics. The Ethics minor is intended to be an integrated component of a student's major studies. Students will complete the minor by taking select values courses in philosophy and their major.

The minor in Ethics is intended to provide interdisciplinary training in ethical reasoning, with a view towards the application of this reasoning to concrete problems of social and political importance. By encouraging students to recognize and analyze how the abstract terms of ethical theory play out in practice, as well as how the practical realities of work within various disciplines inform and constrain ethical argumentation, this minor enables students to make positive and informed contributions to their worlds.

Requirements

To earn the Ethics minor, students must complete at least 27 credits, to include the following:

1. Three courses in which normative thinking and conceptual analysis of values and frameworks are central (List A courses). At least one of these must be a 300-level or above.
2. Two courses in which values-laden issues are central (List B courses). At least one of these must be 300-level or above.
3. Completion of VALUES 495: Ethics in Practice (2 credit capstone).
4. The minor is available to any major. However, a minimum of 15 credits used for the minor must come from outside a student's major.
5. A minimum of 15 credits must be completed at the U.W.
6. Students must obtain a minimum 2.0 average in the courses they wish to use for the minor.

List A Courses

B H 402/PHIL 412—Ethics Theory
B H 404/PHIL 413—Metaethical Theory
B H 440/PHIL 459—Philosophy of Medicine
B H474/PHIL 411—Justice in Health Care

ENVIR 243/PHIL 243—Environmental Ethics
ENVIR 416/PHIL 416—Ethics & Climate Change
ENVIR 417/PHIL 417—Advanced Topics in
Environmental Philosophy

GWSS 206/PHIL 206/POL S 212—Philosophy of
Feminism

PHIL 102—Contemporary Moral Problems
PHIL 110—Intro to Social and Political Phil.
PHIL 114—Philosophical Issues in the Law
PHIL 240—Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 241—Topics in Ethics
PHIL 242—Introduction to Medical Ethics
PHIL 314—Philosophy of Crime and Punishment

PHIL 338—Philosophy of Human Rights
PHIL 345—Moral Issues of Life and Death
PHIL 346—Personal Values & the Human Good
PHIL 406—Philosophical Topics in Feminism
PHIL 407—International Justice
PHIL 408—Diversity
PHIL 409—Philosophy of Disability
PHIL 410—Social Philosophy
PHIL 414—Philosophy of Law
PHIL 415—Advanced Topics in Animal Welfare
PHIL 440—Ethics

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List B Courses

(note: joint courses are listed once)

AES 330/LSJ 330—Beyond Civil Rights
AES 487/ANTH 487—Cultures & Politics of Env Justice

ANTH 150—Culture & Rights
ANTH 207—Class & Culture in America
ANTH 308—Anthro of Women's Health & Reproduction
ANTH 323/LSJ 321—Human Rights Law in Culture & Practice
ANTH 345/JSIS B 345/WOMEN 345—Women & Intl Econ Dev
ANTH 371/ENVIR 371—Anthropology of Development
ANTH 459/ENVIR 459—Culture, Ecology, and Politics
ANTH 474—Social Difference & Medical Knowledge
ANTH 497/LSJ 425—Domesticating Intl Human Rights

B H 411—Introduction to Bioethics

CEE 495/ENVIR 415/M E 415—Sustainability and Design for Environment

COM 305/POL S 305—Politics of Mass Communication
COM 418/ENVIR 418—Communications & the Env

CHID 260—Re-Thinking Diversity
CHID 332/DIS ST 332/LSJ 332—Disability & Society
CHID 433/DIS ST 433/LSJ 433—Disability Law, Policy & the Community
CHID 434/DIS ST 434/LSJ 434—Civil & Human Rights Law for Disabled People

ECON 235/ENVIR 235/ESRM 235—Intro to Env Economics
ECON 435—Natural Resources Economics
ECON 436—Economics of the Environment
ECON 446—Economics of Education
ECON 447/GWSS 447—Economics of Gender

ENGL 270—The Uses of the English Language
ENGL 478—Language and Social Policy

ENV H 205—Environmental Health in Media
ENV H 472—Environmental Risk and Society

ENVIR 360/JSIS B 350/SCAND 350—Env Norms in Intl Politics
ENVIR 362/ESRM 362—Intro to Restoration Ecology
ENVIR 379/ESRM 371/SOC 379—Env Sociology
ENVIR 384/POL S 384—Global Environmental Politics
ENVIR 439—Attaining a Sustainable Society

ESRM 150—Wildlife in the Modern World
ESRM 458—Management of Endangered, Threatened, & Sensitive Species
ESRM 470—Natural Resource Policy & Planning

GEOG 123/JSIS 123—Introduction to Globalization
GEOG 208—Geography of the World Economy
GEOG 230—Urbanization & Development
GEOG 270—Geographies & Intl Dev & Env Change
GEOG 472—Ecoscapes: Nature, Culture, & Place

GWSS 305—Feminism in an International Context
GWSS 310—Women & the Law
GWSS 322—Gender, Race & Class
GWSS 333/JSIS B—Gender & Globalization

INFO 444—Value-Sensitive Design
INFO 454—Information Policy: Domestic and Global

JSIS B 103—Society & the Oceans
JSIS D 450/SOC 450—Political Economy of Women & Family in the Third World

LSJ 320/POL S 368—Politics & Law of Intl Human Rights
LSJ 327/POL S 327—Women's Rights as Human Rights
LSJ 331/POL S 317—Politics of Race & Ethnicity in the US
LSJ 375—Crime, Politics, and Justice
LSJ 377—Punishment
LSJ 444—Ethics in Law and Justice

MGMT 200—Introduction to Law
MGMT 320—Business, Government, & Society
MGMT 323—Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility

NURS 410—Legal & Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice

POL S 201—Introduction to Political Theory
POL S 273—The Concept of Political Power
POL S 303—Public Policy Formation in the US
POL S 311—The Individual and the State
POL S 383—Env Politics & Policy in the US
POL S 422—Intl Environmental Politics Seminar
POL S 465—Law & Public Policy in the US

VALUES 495: Ethics in Practice

This two-credit capstone course is designed as the culmination of the Ethics minor, and encourages students to synthesize their interdisciplinary training in ethics by putting their developed expertise into practice in the community around them. Students will complete a fieldwork experience that pushes them to grapple with the complications and experience the rewards that come from the difficult challenge of implementing policy or action that is ethically sensitive and practically feasible.

Please note: from time to time, courses may be reclassified, added to, or removed from the list of acceptable courses. Students who have planned their studies on the basis of an earlier list may fulfill the requirements of the minor as specified in the earlier list. In addition, students may petition the Values in Society undergraduate advisor for approval for courses not listed. If there is a course that you think should be considered for the minor, please let us know.