

Certification in Applied Ethics Course Requirements

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The Certification in Applied Ethics requires completion of 5 courses (15 credit hours) of courses with significant ethical content chosen from the list below. There is one (1) core course, chosen from two alternatives. The remaining four (4) courses may be chosen from the electives listed below.

Similar courses, which may have been taken at other institutions, may be substituted to meet requirements with the approval of the Philosophy and Religious Studies chair.

Core Course - Choose One (1)

PHI 2603 Ethics in Contemporary Society

Explores the fundamental problems of Western ethics, the classical and Judeo-Christian traditions, modern ideals of the good for the individual, business, politics and the environment.

OR

PHI 3670 Ethics

Philosophical theories concerning nature of the good, moral obligation, human excellence and application of ethical theory to problems of the individual in relation to society.

Please note that whichever course is used as the core requirement cannot also be used as an elective. However, whichever you take as core, the other is available as elective. In all cases there must be a total of five (5) distinct courses used for the program.

Elective Courses - Choose Four (4)

ANT 2400 Current Cultural Issues

Deals with the problems that confront American culture such as poverty, language, race, gender, and violence. Involves critical, analytical and objective thinking so that our own culture and values can be viewed more objectively and other cultures can be better understood and respected. An important element is to provide an understanding of the role of the individual in the continuation or amelioration of issues that afflict American society. (General Studies Course: SS/SOC).

ANT3277 - Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Students will learn about: 1) factors which contribute to the production of conflict and dispute cross-culturally; 2) the ways in which conflict and dispute unfold cross-culturally; and 3) the dimensions of conflict and dispute resolution cross-culturally, including: A) avoidance, acquiescence, forced coercion, and negotiation/mediation as universal possibilities for conflict resolution; and B) the social and cultural specificities of these possibilities for conflict resolution.

BSC 4430 Ethical Issues in Biotechnology

Designed for Senior and Graduate students. It provides an opportunity for students to interweave philosophical and biological principles on the ethical issues involved in Biotechnology. A major concern through the use of various clinical illuminators and laboratory experience is the application of theory to practice. Offered concurrently with BSC 5438; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

CCJ 3060 Moral Issues in Criminal Justice

Identification and analysis of ethical issues in the field of criminal justice using the case approach.

COM 4620 Communication Ethics

Relationship between theory and practice in communication ethics. Offered concurrently with COM 5625; graduate students will be assigned additional work. Limited to seniors. Course in Ethics or introductory in philosophy is required prior to taking this course.

GEB 4444 Business, Ethics, and Society

Relationship of business institution to values and institutions outside its own formal organization. Study of trend toward increased corporate social responsibilities and changes in the legal environment. Offered concurrently with GEB 5445: graduate students will be assigned additional work.

HSC 4654 End-of-Life Ethics

An examination of key issues and cases in end-of-life ethics.

MMC 4203 Media Ethics

Introduces students to classical ethical philosophies; presents various ethical decision-making strategies; application of ethical models to information-gathering and dissemination dilemmas; helps students form an ethical framework for future positions of responsibility in mass media industries; introduces students to the case method of instruction. Offered concurrently with MMC 5208; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

PHI 2603 Ethics in Contemporary Society

Explores the fundamental problems of Western ethics, the classical and Judeo-Christian traditions, modern ideals of the good for the individual, business, politics and the environment.

PHI 3452 Philosophy of Biology

Philosophy of biology focuses on evolutionary theory, examining such questions as "what is a gene", "what does natural selection select" and "what are the moral/social implications of evolutionary theory"?

PHI 3640 Environmental Ethics

Introduces students to issues and problems in the field of environmental ethics. Theories of value are investigated in the effort to clarify the interrelations between humanity and nature. Discussions concerning the moral status of the non-human community will not be restricted to debates over value theory alone, but will also encompass metaphysical issues that bear upon environmental problems

PHI 3670 Ethics

Philosophical theories concerning nature of the good, moral obligation, human excellence and application of ethical theory to problems of the individual in relation to society.

PHI 3700 - Philosophy of Religion

Problem of religious language. Arguments for atheism and existence of God. Phenomenology of religious experience. Problems of evil and nature of God. Theories of immortality. (Gordon Rule Course: Wrtg)

PHI 4633 Biomedical Ethics

Designed to introduce students to the moral and conceptual foundations of ethics, to various ways of analyzing selected problems in the field, and applications of various theories to the professions.

PHM3032 - Environmental Humanities

Explores environmental concepts and concerns in the humanities. Topics will include historical expressions of the human-nature relationship in art, philosophy, religion, and science. Contemporary movements such as environmentalism, ecofeminism, ecotheology, and deep ecology will also be examined.

PHM3200 - Social and Political Philosophy

Social and political theories and ideals that have influenced development of Western man; significance of these for contemporary society.

PHM 4020 Philosophy of Sex and Love

Intended to familiarize you with the major philosophical and moral issues surrounding our sexuality and its attendant emotions. Will draw upon thinkers from within the history of Western Philosophy and psychology - including Plato, Augustine, Kant, Freud, DeBeauvoir and Nagel.

Offered concurrently with PHM 5026; graduate student will be assigned additional work.

PHP3786 – Existentialism

Basic concepts and ways of experiencing the world through various existential writers. May include Hegel, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Jaspers, Sartre, Heidegger and Merleau-Ponty.

POS3623 - Bill of Rights

Examination of protection of individual rights under the Constitution with particular emphasis on the Bill of Rights and the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses. Among specific topics to be considered will be: the rights of the defendant, racial discrimination, sex discrimination.

POS3625 - First Amendment Freedoms

Problem areas and doctrinal evolution in the judicial protection of First Amendment freedoms. Among specific subjects to be examined will be: free speech and press, free exercise of religion, state aid to religious schools, regulation of obscenity, freedom of association, and regulation of subversive activity.

REL3142 - New Perspectives on the Religious Self

Focus on selected understandings of the nature of the self as a religious being. Various models of the self will be examined.

REL 4441 Current Religious Issues

Significant personal and social concerns viewed from religious perspectives: race relations, medical practices, sexuality, war and terrorism, ecological crisis and non-Western religions.

SOW 3113 Human Behavior in Organization and Communities

Introduces the fixture practitioner to the concept of "change agent" within organizations, institutions, and communities. Prepares the student with academic concepts on community organization as a prelude to the practice course. Emphasis is placed on the student's ethical responsibilities to the client, organization structure of human service agencies and the elements common to them. Students will understand structural and organizational differences between profit and nonprofit agencies. Students will experience organizational obstacles to planned change. The dynamics of gender, class, race, ethnicity, and sexual

orientation are examined in relationship to how they are played out within the organizational context.

SYD3810 - Introduction to Women's Studies

Examination of the economic, political, social and cultural positions of women in the past and now in American society. Also examines social roots of their self-concepts, values, beliefs and perceptions.

SYG 2010 Current Social Problems

Major social issues affecting individuals in groups in modern industrial societies. Not open to students with Social Problems as lower division course. (General Studies Course: SS/SOC)