Ethics, Certificate

Ethics are the foundation of many legal and political systems. Pair your bachelor's degree with the study of ethics in order to become a better philosophical thinker who can solve ethical problems.

Description

The ethics certificate program is designed to give students a richer understanding of systematic philosophical thinking about ethics. Students with majors in business, nursing, journalism and public administration as well as students planning to pursue legal careers, among others, may well find that training in ethics is beneficial to their career goals. The certificate program permits some flexibility regarding course selection, thereby facilitating particular student interests.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#)

Program Requirements

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The certificate in ethics consists of 18 credit hours approved by an undergraduate advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies. All courses must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale). At least 12 credit hours must be upper-division. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Core Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours**
PHI 335: History of Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 337: Ethical Theory (HU) (3)
PHI 338: Metaethics (3)

Electives (choose five) -- 15 credit hours

PHI 105: Intro to Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 107: Introduction to Philosophy of Sex and Love (HU) (3)
PHI 120: Introduction to Medical and Bioethics (HU) (3)
PHI 304: Existentialism (HU) (3)
PHI 306: Applied Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (HU) (3)
PHI 310: Environmental Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 320: Bioethics (HU) (3)
PHI 324: Existential Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 326: Philosophy of Happiness (HU) (3)
PHI 335: History of Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 336: Social and Political Philosophy (HU) (3)
PHI 337: Ethical Theory (HU) (3)
PHI 338: Metaethics (3)
PHI 347: Philosophical Theories of Constitutional Law (3)
PHI 360: Business and Professional Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 370: Sports Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 405: Moral Psychology (3)
PHI 406: Moral Dilemmas (L or HU) (3)
PHI 408: Feminist Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 409: Eco-Community Ethics (HU) (3)
PHI 420: Disaster Ethics (3)
PHI 420: Ethics in Plato & Aristotle (3)
PHI 420: Feminist Philosophical Literature (3)
PHI 420: Found-Bioethics (3)
PHI 420: Justice (3)
PHI 420: Medical Ethics (3)
PHI 420: Normative Ethics (3)
PHI 420: Stoicism (3)
PHI 420: Topics in the Ethics of Sustainability (3)
PHI 420: Well-Being: Philosophy of Happiness (3)

PHI 420 is a variable topics course that may be taken more than once, so long as the topics are different. Only topics related to ethics will apply to the certificate.

One course outside the list of electives, and perhaps outside the PHI prefix, may be used with written approval of the director of undergraduate studies.

Depending on a student’s undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.
Enrollment Requirements

Incompatible Majors: BA in philosophy (morality, politics and law)

Students must consult with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies to declare the certificate.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career Opportunities

An undergraduate certificate can advance students' career options.

Students become more marketable to employers when they complement their major program of study with this specialization in ethics. The certificate demonstrates analytical, reasoning and writing skills, and it demonstrates competence in areas of increasing concern to employers, such as ethics, public policy and justice.

Students who complete the ethics certificate often decide to pursue careers in business, law, policy or politics. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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