Ethics, Certificate

Ethics are the foundation of many legal and political systems. The philosophy of ethics paired with a bachelor's degree helps those with careers in fields such as medicine, law and business make ethical decisions.

Description

The ethics certificate 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: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Program Requirements

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)
Electives (choose five of the following) -- 15 credit hours

PHI 105: Intro to Ethics (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 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: Kantian Ethics (3)
PHI 420: Normative Ethics (3)
PHI 420: Scanlons Political Philosophy (3)
PHI 420: Topics in the Ethics of Sustainability (3)
PHI 448: Justice and Reparations (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

GPA Requirement: None

Majors Ineligible to Add This Certificate: BA in philosophy (morality, politics and law)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

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.

Contact Information

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