Ethics

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The interdisciplinary minor in ethics provides an opportunity for students to explore the moral dimensions of human life and to develop the ability for critical ethical analysis in their personal and professional lives. By encouraging students to seek values across the curriculum in a formal and disciplined way, it prepares graduates not only for the modern workplace, but for the world in its most urgent and deepest complexity. First-level courses introduce the basis of ethical reasoning within philosophy and Christian faith. Second-level courses engage students in the application of ethical theories to particular ethical issues or problems (e.g., business ethics, environmental ethics, poverty). Third-level courses allow students to explore the contexts of various institutions and social domains (e.g., the legal system, social and institutional dimensions of race and gender, mass communication) in which ethical decisions must be made.

Ethics Minor

The Ethics minor consists of seven courses (21 credits) chosen from the areas listed below:

Ethical Theory Courses: Choose two of the following courses: 6
- PHIL 2310 Theory of Ethics
- THEO 2400 Christian Discipleship
  or THEO 4400 Christian Faith and Justice

Applied Ethics Courses: Choose two courses, at least one philosophy: 6
- COMM 3900 Ethical Problems of Mass Communications
- PHIL 4320 Contemporary Ethical Problems
- PHIL 4330 Business Ethics
- PHIL 4335 Biomedical Ethics
- THEO 4440 Foundations of Ecological Ethics
- THEO 4450 Medical Ethics
- THEO 4490 Studies in Moral Theology

Contemporary Interfaces with Ethics: Choose two courses: 6
- COMM 4400 Mass Communication Theory and Research
- HEAL 2100 Primary Health Care Concepts
- MANA 3002 Business and Its Environment
- MARK 4070 Marketing and Society
- PHIL 3350 Philosophy of the Environment
- PHIL 3710 Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3750 Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 3751 Philosophy and History of Crime and Punishment
- PHIL 3770 Feminist Philosophy
- PHIL 3780 Africana Philosophy
- POSC 2801 Justice and Power
- POSC 4812 Ethics and Politics
- SOCI 3200 Social Problems in Urban Society
- SOCI 4130 Sociology of Human Values
- THEO 2500 Theologies of Nonviolence

Required Capstone Course: 3
- INET 4953 Capstone Seminar in Ethics

Total Credit Hours 21

Notes:
- Other courses subject to approval of director of the Ethics minor.