

Ethics, Certificate

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Ethics are the foundation of many legal and political systems. Pair your bachelor's degree with the study of ethics 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 those who plan to pursue legal careers, among others, may 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](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in ethics consists of 18 credit hours. 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 (GCSI OR HU) (3)

PHI 337: Ethical Theory (HU) (3)

PHI 338: Metaethics (3)

Electives (choose five) -- 15 credit hours

PHI 105: Intro to Ethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 107: Introduction to Philosophy of Sex and Love (HU) (3)

PHI 120: Introduction to Medical and Bioethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 304: Existentialism (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 306: Applied Ethics (CIVI OR HU) (3)

PHI 307: Philosophy of Law (AMIT OR HU) (3)

PHI 310: Environmental Ethics (SUST OR HU) (3)

PHI 320: Bioethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 324: Existential Ethics (HU) (3)

PHI 326: Philosophy of Happiness (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 335: History of Ethics (GCSI OR 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 (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 370: Sports Ethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 394: Game Thry Market & Just: Intro Phil Politics, Econ (3)

PHI 405: Moral Psychology (3)

PHI 406: Moral Dilemmas (L or HU) (3)

PHI 408: Feminist Ethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

PHI 409: Eco-Community Ethics (HU) (3)

PHI 420: Blame (3)

PHI 420: Disaster Ethics (3)

PHI 420: Ethics, Big Data and AI (3)

PHI 420: Ethics in Plato & Aristotle (3)

PHI 420: Ethics of Sustainability (3)

PHI 420: Feminist Philosophical Literature (3)

PHI 420: Foundations of Bioethics (3)

PHI 420: Justice (3)

PHI 420: Medical Ethics (3)

PHI 420: Normative Ethics (3)

PHI 420: The Philosophy of Dehumanization (3)

PHI 420: Political Philosophy and Pandemic Ethics (3)

PHI 420: Positive Moral Philosophy (3)

PHI 420: Topics: Race, Gender & Disability (3)

PHI 420: Stoicism (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 subject code, may be used with written approval of the director of undergraduate studies.

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)

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.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students will be able to evaluate how well different normative ethical theories such as consequentialism, deontology and virtue theory provide moral standards that dictate which (if any) actions are right and wrong or how well different metaethical theories such as realism, expressivism, relativism, nihilism, compatibilism or incompatibilism account for the meaning and truth of moral claims.
- Students will be able to apply leading ethical theories to practical ethical questions that arise in life.

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 is evidence of analytical, reasoning and writing skills and 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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