

Cover Sheet: Request 14558

Ethics and Society Certificate

Info

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Actions

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Department	Approved	CLAS - Religion 16420000	Terje Ostebo		12/17/2019
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College	Conditionall Approved	CLAS - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Joseph Spillane	The College Curriculum Committee conditionally approves this request, with the following needed: 1) please make sure the SLOs are written in telegraphic style; 2) please obtain a consult from the Department of Philosophy.	10/1/2020
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Department	Approved	CLAS - Religion 16420000	Terje Ostebo		10/11/2020
Confirmation from the Department of Philosophy.docx					10/9/2020
College	Approved	CLAS - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Joseph Spillane		10/27/2020
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Responses

Certificate Name Ethics and Society

Transcript Title Ethics and Society

Credits 12

Level Baccalaureate

CIP Code 38.0201

Degree Program Religion and Philosophy

Effective Term Earliest Available

Effective Year Earliest Available

Certificate Description This certificate trains students in the ethical analysis of problems in public life and the professions. Students will learn about major theories and issues in ethics as a scholarly field. They will also have the opportunity to gain specialized knowledge in areas such as medical, engineering, business, or environmental ethics.

Requirements for Admission Current UF undergraduates. 2.0 GPA. Open to students in any major. Students minoring in Religion or Philosophy are eligible for the certificate, but at least nine credits of coursework must be unique to the Ethics and Society certificate out of all other certificates and minors.

Requirements for Completion These are the courses needed for completion of the certificate. All the courses are graded according to letter grade.

1. PHI 3650: Moral Philosophy

2. REL 3171: Ethics in America

3. At least one of the following Philosophy or Religion classes:

PHI 2630: Contemporary Moral Issues

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4. At least one additional class, which can come from the list in #3 above or the following list:

FYC 4114 Ethical Issues in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences

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In addition to the classes listed above, the certificate adviser will be able to approve other relevant ethics courses for the certificate (e.g., a class taught under a special topics number).

Rationale and Place in Curriculum The ethics and society certificate program is for students interested in the moral dimensions of contemporary social issues and the professions. These topics are of strong interest to many UF students in diverse majors, including professional schools as well as the liberal arts and sciences. Required courses in philosophical and religious ethics will provide students with the necessary skills to conceptualize ethical issues, providing an intellectual foundation for the analysis of applied and professional problems.

Student Learning Outcomes Student learning outcomes

1. Major theoretical approaches, thinkers, and issues in both philosophical and religious ethics. Assessed through coursework in Philosophy and Religion (requirements 1-3).
2. Use tools of ethics as a scholarly discipline to conceptualize ethical problems in professional and public life, analyze their theoretical and practical dimensions, evaluate different responses to these issues. Assessed through coursework in Philosophy, Religion, and elective courses in other departments (requirements 1-4).
3. Learn about contemporary ethical problems in fields such as medicine, business, engineering, environmental studies, a various approaches to analyzing and addressing these issues. Assessed through coursework in Philosophy, Religion, and elective courses in other departments (requirements 3-4).

Confirmation from the Department of Philosophy:

I am writing in response to the request from the CLAS Approver Joe Spillane to make it clear that the newly proposed undergraduate certificate in Ethics and Society is being jointly proposed by the Department of Religion and the Department of Philosophy. The Chairs and faculty of these two departments worked together closely to development the requirements for this certificate. The faculty of the Department of Philosophy officially approved the proposal for this certificate at a department meeting on January 24, 2020. Although the certificate will be managed in Religion, faculty in Philosophy as well as in Religion are committed to teaching its core and elective courses.

All the best,

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Ethics and Society certificate – catalog copy

Top line:

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Expanded description:

Contemporary public discourse is teeming with issues of urgent moral concern. From climate change to police violence, artificial intelligence to health care access, we face complex challenges that have ethical problems at their core. It is not always easy, however, to think through these challenges in a responsible and productive way. The Ethics and Society certificate teaches students to understand and analyze the moral dimensions of contemporary issues in public life and the professions. These topics are relevant for students in diverse majors, including professional schools as well as the liberal arts and sciences. Required courses in philosophical and religious ethics will provide students with the necessary skills to conceptualize ethical issues, providing an intellectual foundation for the analysis of applied and professional problems.

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Possible Undergraduate Certificate Program
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50 word description for catalog

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