

Ethics

Preamble

Students are required to take a course or a series of courses placing substantial emphasis on discussion of ethical issues. The ethics requirement can be satisfied by

1. a stand-alone course in which ethics constitutes a substantial focus of the course, or
2. a well defined series of courses required in a particular curriculum, wherein the treatment of ethics in any one course may be somewhat less, but which taken together sum to a substantial emphasis on ethics. Courses that satisfy the ethics requirement must have a theoretical component and have one or more of the following attributes:
 - a) they teach methods of ethical analysis
 - b) they deal intensively with ethical issues associated with a particular discipline or profession;
 - c) they engage the student in the study of ethical questions arising through the interpretation of literature or history, or social scientific analysis designed to include ethical evaluation. In order for a course to be approved under this criterion, the treatment of ethics must be substantial rather than merely incidental.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the general education area of Ethics will be able to do one or more of the following:

1. Understand and describe main issues and concepts relevant to ethical theory.
2. Demonstrate their ability to work effectively with ethical issues and theories through their analysis and evaluation of the theoretical, literary, historical or artistic texts through which fundamental ethical ideas and problems are presented.
3. Critically evaluate the ethical ideas they are studying and apply these ideas to situations of everyday life.