

ETHICS MINOR

The Ethics Minor nurtures the application of ethical and philosophical ideas toward concerns in social, political, economic, and cultural life. The chief goal of the program is to offer practically oriented, but philosophically based, expertise in ethics and normative theory.

The minor will also provide Eastern Washington University students with the cultural understanding, ethical decision-making, and critical thinking skills necessary for addressing the dilemmas faced by present and future professionals, policy makers, and citizens in general. It is designed to ensure that its recipients have a command of the basic theories of moral philosophy as well as a specialized knowledge of their applications in many areas of public life, including medicine, government, law, public policy, business, and education. Consequently, the curriculum includes both core courses essential to a solid foundation in moral thought and specialized courses in practical philosophy and applied ethics.

The minor will serve as a valuable credential to professionals who require a general understanding of the area, e.g. those who serve on ethics committees or compliance boards and those who seek advanced ethics training to meet licensure demands.

Required Courses

PHIL 212	INTRODUCTORY ETHICS	5
PHIL 213	MORAL ISSUES IN AMERICA	5

Elective Courses-choose two of the following 8-10

PHIL 311	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 417	WOMEN AND ETHICS
PHIL 445	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
PHIL 447	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

Electives outside Philosophy

AAST 310	AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL THOUGHT FROM BOOKER T. WASHINGTON TO CORNEL WEST
CMST 431	COMMUNICATION LAW AND ETHICS
CRIM 340	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DSST 445	DISABILITY AND ETHICS
HUMN 340	PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH
SOWK 487	LAW AND ETHICS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

Total Credits 18-20

Students who earn an Ethics Minor at EWU should be able to:

- analyze connections between ethics and law, culture, the environment, history and public policy;
- demonstrate understanding of, and be able to apply fundamental theories in ethics, including but not limited to deontology, utilitarianism, virtue and care perspectives, feminist ethics and pragmatism;
- refine and improve their own ethical perspectives in dialogue and critical writing.