

# The Ohio State University College of Medicine

## Bioethics Minor

### Division of Bioethics

#### Department of Biomedical Education & Anatomy

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The Bioethics Minor is designed to support and further undergraduate students' learning about the ethical issues surrounding advances in biology and medicine. As a subfield of ethics, bioethics explores the moral landscapes related to the life sciences, hence offering students the opportunity to engage key issues ranging from clinical medical ethics, the boundaries of life, biotechnology, health care resources, human subjects research, human enhancement, etc. As an interdisciplinary study, bioethics draws from a diversity of fields for courses that illustrate the social, political, moral, and humanistic context surrounding medicine and healthcare. Students seeking graduate work and/or careers in any of the health professions will benefit from this minor. Equally, students in the humanities who wish to understand the social and cultural dimensions of healthcare ethics beyond professional scientific and medical knowledge will benefit from the Bioethics Minor.

The minor in Bioethics consists of at least 15 credit hours.

**Required courses:** Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours in bioethics courses offered from the Division of Bioethics.

#### BIOETHC:

- 2000 Theory and Foundations of Bioethics (3)\*
- 2010 Ethics of Biomedical Research (3)\*
- 2020 Bioethics in Film, Media & Society: Explorations in Culture and Biopolitics (3)
- 3000 Case Studies in Medical and Health Care Ethics (3)
- 3880 Crisis Bioethics: Citizenship in Disasters, Pandemics, and Humanitarian Settings (3)\*
- 4000 Readings in Bioethics (3)
- 5030 Neuroethics (3)

\*NOTE: BIOETHIC 2000 & 2010 fulfill General Education requirements "Cultures & Ideas"  
BIOETHC 3880 is under review to fulfill the GE requirement for "Health and Well-Being"

**Electives:** Choose up to 6 credit hours of the below bioethics-related elective courses to count towards the required 15 credits for the Bioethics Minor.

The following courses are examples—but not an exhaustive list—of approved electives. All electives not listed below must be approved by the Bioethics Minor Director or Assistant Director.

#### ANTHROP:

- 5600 Advanced Medical Anthropology: Evolutionary Medicine (3)
- 5602 Advanced Medical Anthropology: Global Perspectives on Women's Health (3)

#### CLASSICS:

- 2204 Medicine in the Ancient World (3)

#### CMPSTD:

- 2340 Intro to Cultures of Science and Technology (3)
- 3645 Cultures of Medicine (3)

#### COMM:

- 4736 Health Communication in Interpersonal Contexts (3)
- 4737 Health Communication in Mass Mediated Contexts (3)
- 4738 Health Communication and New Media (3)

#### ENGLISH:

- 3361 Narrative and Medicine (3)
- 4410 Directed Experiences in Health Care (3)

#### HDFS:

- 3630 Family Ethics and Policy (3)

#### HISTORY:

- 2066 History of Medicine in Film (3)
- 2703 History of Public Health, Medicine and Disease (3)
- 3701 History of American Medicine (3)

#### HTHRHSC:

- 2530 The Evolving Art & Science of Medicine (3)
- 4000 Application of Ethical Decision Making in Health Care (3)
- 5610 Death, Loss, and Grief in Multiple Perspectives (2)

**PHILOS:**

- 2342 Environmental Ethics (3)
- 2650 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (3)
- 2860 Science and Religion (3)
- 3300 Moral Philosophy (3)
- 3341H Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice (3)
- 5300 Advanced Moral Philosophy (3)

**PHR:**

- 3430 Quest for the Cure
- 3500 Pharmacoeconomics: Dilemmas and Decision Making (3)
- 3530 Drugs, Human Enhancement and the Mastery of Nature (3)

**PUBHLTH:**

- 2010 Intro to Global Public Health (3)

**PUBHHBP:**

- 3510 Role of Behavior in Public Health (3)

**SOCIOL:**

- 2290 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)
- 3630 Medical Sociology (3)
- 5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness (3)

**Bioethics minor program guidelines:**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work

- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required: Course work for the minor must be approved by the Center for Bioethics as the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the Center for Bioethics as the academic unit offering the minor.

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