

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Bioethics Minor

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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)
4000 – Readings in Bioethics (3)

*NOTE: BIOETHIC 2000 & 2010 fulfill General Education requirements “Cultures & Ideas”

Auxiliary 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 program manager.

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
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)

HTHRHS:
2530 – The Evolving Art and 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 – Pharmacoethics: 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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