

Ethics and Public Policy, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in ethics and public policy requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 37 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department (e.g., a BA in ethics and public policy and a BA in philosophy) may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

The curriculum includes foundation courses and the work for one field of specialization.

The BA with a major in ethics and public policy requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Philosophy Foundation Courses	6
Economics Foundation Courses	7-8
Political Science Foundation Courses	6
Sociology Foundation Courses	6-7
Field of Specialization Courses	12

Foundation Courses

Foundation courses introduce students to each of the disciplines that participate in the major: philosophy, economics, political science, and sociology. These courses provide students with the basic reasoning skills they will need for advanced study. The foundation courses also help students make an informed selection of their specialization field.

Some courses may be listed in both a foundation area and a specialization field; students may use a course to fulfill only one requirement for the major.

Philosophy Foundation

Reasoning

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
PHIL:1636	Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate	3

PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	3
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Value Theory

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
PHIL:1034	Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness	3
PHIL:1401	Matters of Life and Death	3
PHIL:2402	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL:2422	Feminist Ethics	3
PHIL:2432	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
PHIL:2435	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL:3430	Philosophy of Human Rights	3

Economics Foundation

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
One of these:		
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON:3380	Business and Government	3
ECON:3650	Policy Analysis	3
ECON:3760	Health Economics	3

Political Science Foundation

Foundation

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics	3
POLI:1300	Introduction to Political Thought and Action	3
POLI:1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI:1700	Introduction to Political Analysis	3

Policy

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3

Sociology Foundation

Theory

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3-4
SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	3-4

Law, Sociology, and Criminology

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
CRIM:1410	Introduction to Criminology	3

CRIM:1447	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM:2430	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CRIM:2460	Policing in Modern Society	3
CRIM:3425	Women, Crime, and Justice	3
SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:3510	Medical Sociology	3

Fields of Specialization

Students select one of the following fields of specialization: philosophy, economics, political science, public affairs, or sociology. Students must complete four courses in their field (12 s.h.), selected from one of the following course lists.

Some courses may be listed in both a foundation area and a specialization field; students may use a course to fulfill only one requirement for the major.

Philosophy

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
PHIL:2040	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	3
PHIL:2402	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL:2415	Bioethics	3
PHIL:2422	Feminist Ethics	3
PHIL:2425	Sex, Marriage, Friendship, and the Law	3
PHIL:2429	War, Terrorism, and Torture	3
PHIL:2432	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
PHIL:2435	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL:2436	The Nature of Evil	3
PHIL:3342	Multiculturalism and Toleration	3
PHIL:3430	Philosophy of Human Rights	3
PHIL:3604	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL:3920	Philosophy in Public	1-3
PHIL:4375	Rawls's Political Philosophy	3
PHIL:4480	Analytic Ethics	3
PHIL:4481	Issues in Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL:4482	Early Modern Ethics	3
PHIL:4485	Political Philosophy	3
PHIL:4510	Neuroethics	3

Economics

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
ECON:3100	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON:3345	Global Economics and Business	3
ECON:3350	Industry Analysis	3
ECON:3380	Business and Government	3
ECON:3620	Economic Growth and Development	3

ECON:3625	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON:3640	Regional and Urban Economics	3
ECON:3650	Policy Analysis	3
ECON:3760	Health Economics	3
ECON:4160	Public Sector Economics	3

Political Science

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3101	American Constitutional Law and Politics	3
POLI:3102	The U.S. Congress	3
POLI:3104	Immigration Politics	3
POLI:3110	Local Politics	3
POLI:3111	American Public Policy	3
POLI:3114	Women and Politics in the United States	3
POLI:3116	The Presidency	3
POLI:3117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration	3
POLI:3118	Interest Groups	3
POLI:3120	The Criminal Justice System	3
POLI:3121	The Judicial Process	3
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	3
POLI:3160	Applied Research in Political Science	1-3
POLI:3204	Public Opinion	3
POLI:3306	Problems of Democracy	3
POLI:3350	Games of Politics	3
POLI:3411	Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles	3
POLI:3423	The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3
POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3
POLI:3503	Politics of Terrorism	3
POLI:3509	International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics	3
POLI:3512	International Conflict	3
POLI:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
POLI:3518	Water Wars: Conflict and Cooperation	3
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	3
POLI:3560	Public Policy and Persuasion	3
POLI:3601	Politics of Film	3

Public Affairs

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
PBAF:3100	Contemporary Policy Issues	3
PBAF:3117	Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration	3

PBAF:3560	Public Policy and Persuasion	3
PBAF:3570	Poverty Policy	3
PBAF:3580	Native American Public Policy	3
PBAF:4205	Economics for Policy Analysis	3
PBAF:4233	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
PBAF:4340	Public Policy Analysis	3
URP:2020	Environment and Society: Sustainability, Policy, and Politics	3
URP:4256	Environmental Policy	3
URP:4260	Transportation Policy and Planning	3
URP:4271	Housing Policy	3
URP:4280	Planning for Disaster Mitigation and Recovery	3
URP:4295	Community & Economic Development Policy	3

should be interconnected and must suggest a coherent interest. The student-designed field may not duplicate any of the established specialization fields for the major. It also may not include a course that satisfies another requirement for the major.

Students interested in designing their own specialization field should speak with an advisor as early as possible. They must obtain approval from their advisor and from the steering committee of the major in ethics and public policy as soon as possible after they declare the major and before they complete the designated coursework.

Sociology

Course #	Title	Hours
12 s.h. from these:		
CRIM:3415	Global Criminology	3
CRIM:3416	Race, Crime, and Justice	3
CRIM:3417	Community Corrections	3
CRIM:3420	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM:3437	American Crime	3
CRIM:3450	Criminal Legal System	3
CRIM:4400	Internship in Criminal Justice and Corrections	3
CRIM:4420	Criminal Punishment	3
CRIM:4430	Interpersonal Violence in Society	3
CRIM:4440	Sociology of White-Collar Crime	3
CRIM:4450	Juvenile Justice: A Sociolegal Perspective	3
CRIM:4460	Sociology of Law	3
SOC:2830	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC:3171	Drugs and Society	3
SOC:3510	Medical Sociology	3
SOC:3525	Public Opinion	3
SOC:3540	Social Psychology of Good and Evil	3
SOC:3610	Organizations and Modern Society	3
SOC:3650	Education, Schools, and Society	3
SOC:3880	The Sociology of Networks	3
SOC:4200	Sociology of Religion	3
SOC:4540	Political Sociology and Social Movements	3

Student-Designed Field

In rare circumstances, a student may be given permission to design a specialization field. The student specifies four courses (12 s.h.) numbered 3000 or above, or as considered advanced by the department offering the course. Courses