

# PROGRAM IN ETHICS IN SOCIETY

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The Program in Ethics in Society is designed to foster scholarship, teaching, and moral reflection on fundamental issues in personal and public life. The program is grounded in moral and political philosophy, but it extends its concerns across a broad range of traditional disciplinary domains. The program is guided by the idea that ethical thought has application to current social questions and conflicts, and it seeks to encourage moral reflection and practice in areas such as business, international relations, law, medicine, politics, and science.

Current and planned initiatives of the program include:

1. Supporting and fostering ethics research.
2. Supporting innovative teaching focusing on the ethical dimensions relevant to the different disciplines across the curriculum.
3. Establishing a yearly faculty-graduate seminar focusing on topics in ethics and public life.

The program also sponsors several public lecture series, including the Wesson Lectures in Problems of Democracy and the Ethics in Society lecture series on a current social issue.

Students interested in pursuing studies that bring moral and political theory to bear on issues in public life should consult the director.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM HONORS

The honors program in Ethics in Society is open to majors in every field and may be taken in addition to a department major. Students should apply for entry at the end of Spring Quarter of the sophomore year or at the beginning of the Autumn Quarter of the junior year. Applicants should have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 'B+' or higher. They should also maintain this minimum average in the courses taken to satisfy the requirements.

*Requirements—*

1. Required courses:
  - a) Philosophy 20, Introduction to Moral Theory, or Philosophy 170. This is normally taken in the sophomore year.
  - b) Philosophy 30, Introduction to Political Philosophy (same as Public Policy 103A), or Philosophy 171. This is normally taken in the sophomore year. At least one of (a) and (b) must be taken at the upper level.
  - c) Ethics in Society 77, The Ethics of Social Decisions (same as Philosophy 77). Ethics in Society honors students must enroll under Ethics in Society. This course is aimed primarily at the junior year and is taken upon admission to the honors program.
2. One 4- or 5-unit undergraduate course on a subject approved by the honors adviser, designed to encourage students to explore those issues in Ethics in Society that are of particular interest to them. Courses of relevance to the Program in Ethics in Society are offered by members of the program committee and by other departments. Students may also take a course with the honors thesis in mind. To promote a broad interdisciplinary approach, this elective should normally be outside the Department of Philosophy. Students are not restricted to choosing from the sample of such courses included below.

3. Ethics in Society 190, Honors Seminar (same as Philosophy 178). Ethics in Society honors students must enroll under Ethics in Society.
4. Ethics in Society 200A,B, Honors Thesis, on a subject approved by the honors adviser, 8-10 units, with the work spread over two quarters.

A typical student takes Philosophy 20 or 170 and 30 or 171 in the sophomore year. Upon admission to the honors program as a junior, he or she takes Ethics in Society 190 in the Winter Quarter, Ethics in Society 77 in the Spring Quarter, and requirement 2 (the optional subject) at any time during the junior year, or possibly Autumn Quarter of the senior year. The honors thesis is normally written during the Autumn and Winter quarters of the senior year.

## GRADUATE STUDIES

In addition to the Ethics in Society Lecture Series, the program's main provision for graduate students is a seminar on a topic in applied ethics. Students present talks on normative themes of their own choosing, providing an opportunity for graduate students from different disciplines to interact in the process of deliberating over ethical matters of common interest.

## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE

For course information not listed, refer to the relevant department listings elsewhere in this bulletin. See the *Time Schedule* each quarter for any changes in listings.

**20. Introduction to Moral Theory**—(Enroll in Philosophy 20.) What is the basis of our moral judgments? What makes right actions right and wrong actions wrong? (Existing social rules? The consequences of human happiness? Conformity to a rule of reason?) What sort of person is it best to be? The answers to these classic questions about ethics are examined in the works of traditional and contemporary authors.

*5 units, Win (Perry)*

**30. Introduction to Political Philosophy/Theory**—(Enroll in Philosophy 30, Public Policy 103A.) Critical introduction to issues of state authority, justice, liberty, and equality. The issues are approached through major works in political philosophy. Topics: human nature and citizenship, the obligation to obey the law, democracy and economic inequality, equality of opportunity and affirmative action, religion and politics. Readings: Locke, Rousseau, Mill, Marx, and Rawls, and some cases of practical application, including Supreme Court cases.

*5 units, Aut (Satz)*

**65. Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity**—(Enroll in History 65.)

*5 units, Spr (Camarillo)*

**77. The Ethics of Social Decisions: Issues in Surrogate Decision-Making**—(Same as Philosophy 77.) Decision-making for others as it occurs in government representation; and in the advocacy of children, the physically and mentally ill, animals, and the environment.

*4 units, Spr (Rosner)*

**78. Medical Ethics**—(Enroll in Philosophy 78.)

*4 units, Spr (Jaworska)*

**100. Computers, Ethics, and Social Responsibility**—(Enroll in Computer Science 201.)

*4 units, Spr (Roberts)*

**110. Ethics and Public Policy**—(Enroll in Science, Technology, and Society 110; Public Policy 103B.)

*5 units, Win (McGinn)*

**140A,B,C Ethics of Development in a Global Environment (EDGE)**—(Enroll in Cultural and Social Anthropology 133A,B,C; Engineering 297A,B,C.)

*1-4 units, Aut, Win, Spr (Lusignan, Gupta)*

**143. Ethics in Economics: Equity, Efficiency, and Rights**—(Enroll in Economics 143.)

*5 units, Spr (Hammonds)*

**150. Economic Analysis I**—(Enroll in Economics 150, Public Policy 104.)

*5 units, Win (Noll)*

**151A,B. Undergraduate Colloquium: Poverty and Homelessness in America**—(Enroll in History 251A,B.)

*8 units (Camarillo) not given 2000-01*

**156. Economics of Health and Medical Care**—(Enroll in Economics 156, Health Research and Policy 256, Biomedical Informatics 256.)

*5 units, Win (McClellan)*

**158R. Children's Citizenship: Justice across Generations**—(Enroll in Political Science 158R.)

*5 units (Reich) given 2001-02*

**159R. Ethics and Politics in Public Policy**—(Enroll in Political Science 159R.)

*5 units, Win (Reich)*

**170. Ethical Theory**—(Enroll in Philosophy 170.)

*4 units, Win (Jaworska)*

**171. Political Philosophy**—(Enroll in Philosophy 171.)

*4 units, Aut (Hussain)*

**172. History of Modern Ethical Theory**—(Enroll in Philosophy 172.)

*4 units, Aut (Schapiro)*

**174. Bioethics and Anthropology**—(Enroll in Anthropological Sciences 174.)

*5 units Spr (Koenig)*

**174A. The Bounds of Moral and Political Obligation**—(Enroll in Philosophy 174.)

*4 units, Win (Rosner)*

**177. Philosophical Issues Concerning Race and Racism**—(Enroll in Philosophy 177.)

*4 units, Spr (Satz)*

**179. Individual and Communal Ethics**—(Enroll in Philosophy 179.)

*4 units, Spr (Moravcsik)*

**190. Ethics in Society Honors Seminar**—(Same as Philosophy 178.) Interdisciplinary. Students present issues of public and personal morality; topics are chosen with the advice of the instructors. Student-prepared reading list is made available a week prior to the presentation. Group discussion follows.

*3 units, Win (Reich)*

**200A,B. Honors Thesis**—Limited to Ethics in Society honors students.

*8-10 units, any two quarters (Staff)*

**266. Seminar: Gender and Western Political Theory**—(Enroll in Political Science 266.)

*5 units (Okin) not given 2000-01*

**268. Seminar: Contemporary Theories of Justice**—(Enroll in Political Science 268.)

*5 units, Spr (Reich)*

**271. Ethics: Topics in Democratic Theory**—(Enroll in Philosophy 271.)

*3-5 units (Ferejohn, Satz) not given 2000-01*

**275. Marx and Weber**—(Enroll in Philosophy 275.)

*3 units, Win (Satz)*

**317. Aristotle's Ethics**—(Enroll in Philosophy 317.)

*3 units, Spr (Bobonich)*