

BA in Philosophy - Concentration in Ethics

Any student with a declared philosophy major is eligible for the concentration in ethics.

Program Requirements

The major requires a minimum of 27 total credit hours of philosophy courses, at least 15 of which must be in courses numbered 300 or above. For the concentration in ethics, students must complete 12 credit hours of ethics courses, which must include at least one ethical theory course and at least one applied ethics course. Approved ethical theory and applied ethics courses are listed below.

Each philosophy major must meet with a departmental advisor at least once a semester to plan or review a program of study. These programs are designed in terms of the individual student's interests and future plans. Up to 12 credit hours of philosophy courses taken before the decision to major in philosophy may count toward a major. Additional credit hours may be counted with the advisor's consent.

Course	Title	Hours
Ethical Theory Courses		
PHIL 144	Moral Issues	3
PHIL 341	Contemporary Ethics	3
PHIL 342	History of Ethics	3
PHIL 350	Ancient Chinese Philosophy	3
PHIL 360	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 361	Metaethics	3
Applied Ethics Courses		
PHIL 306	Business Ethics	3
PHIL 327	Bioethics	3
PHIL 354	Ethics and Computers	3
PHIL 385	Engineering Ethics	3
PHIL 526	Ethics of Big Data	3
PHIL 530	Ethics of Space Exploration	3
PHIL 590AD	Environmental Ethics	3

The department chair or undergraduate coordinator may approve transfer courses or independent study, e.g. 699 Directed Readings, to count towards the concentration in ethics.

Students have several options for completing the applied learning requirement. See below.

Applied Learning

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in philosophy with a concentration in ethics program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing the following program course requirements:

Select **one** item from list A, or **three** items from list B.

A. Substantive Experiences (one item from this list)

- Publish an article in an undergraduate philosophy journal.
- Edit or referee submissions for an undergraduate philosophy journal.
- Give a paper or serve as commentator for a paper at an undergraduate philosophy conference.
- Give a poster presentation at an undergraduate philosophy conference.
- Give a paper or poster presentation at URCAF.

- Take a Directed Readings or Honors option which involves original research or scholarship.
- Internship or co-op experience.
- Serve as logic/critical reasoning tutor.
- Serve as an officer in the Philosophy Society (PS), the Prelaw Student Association (PLSA) or the SGA.

B. Less Substantive Experiences¹ (three items from this list)

- Attend lecture of visiting speaker (in philosophy).
- Attend philosophy seminar given by visiting speaker.
- Attend on-campus session of the Kansas Appellate Court.
- Attend on-campus presentation by law school.
- Participate in visits to regional law schools organized by the PLSA.
- Attend an undergraduate or professional philosophy conference.
- Participate in activities of the PS or PLSA.
- Participate in philosophical discussions on social media organized by the PS.

¹ Attendance/participation is to be verified either through completed registration forms or signatures on sign-up sheets.