

Cover Sheet for Proposal to the Undergraduate Curriculum and Catalog Review Committee

Date: 2/1/18

Proposal Number:

(Assigned by the Registrar)

Department: PHRE

Current Course or Program ID: Minor in Ethics

Contact Person: Sharon Hartline

Proposal Category: (✓ all that apply). A cover sheet must be submitted for each proposal.

Course Prerequisite Change

Course Credit Hour Change

Course Title Change

New Course

Course Deletion

Course Syllabi Change

Course Number Change

Change to Catalog Description

Program Revision

Minor Change to Course

New Program
(Major, minor, or certificate)

Other Proposal Requirements: (✓ as applies and attach form)

For New Course Proposals, attach the New Course Proposal with appropriate signatures.

Proposal Description with Rationale: (State current status, proposed change, and why the change is desired. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies proposes the creation of a new minor in ethics. The hiring of a new tenure-track faculty member with a specialization in ethics makes this particularly desirable. A new ethics minor aligns with the new university strategic plan. For instance, courses in ethics enforce critical thinking and reasoning skills, particularly as it relates to local and global problems (Academic Excellence and Research, Goal 1, A). This minor will include two new undergraduate courses in bioethics (course proposals attached), giving this minor a distinct emphasis on ethics in medicine and biological research (Academic Excellence and Research, Goal 2). Additionally, the two new courses in bioethics will primarily be offered online, further enhancing PHRE's online course offerings and aligning with the strategic plan (Academic Excellence and Research, Goal 1, C.)

The new minor will be 18 hours and will include the following courses:

PHIL 112: Ethics and Society
 PHRE 202: Current Topics in Ethical Inquiry
 PHIL 310: Professional Ethics
 PHIL 390: Ethical Theory
 PHIL 430: Emerging Trends in Bioethics
 PHIL 440: Cultural Perspectives in Bioethics

Effective Date: Fall 2018

Reason for requesting an alternative effective date:

Signature	Title	Date
	Department Curriculum Committee Chair	
	Department Chair	
	College Curriculum Committee Chair	
	College Dean	
If this proposal in any way affects a professional education program, it must be submitted to and approved by the Professional Education Committee and the Faculty Senate:		
	Professional Education Committee Chair	
	Core Curriculum Advisory Committee Chair	
	Faculty Senate President	
	UG Curriculum & Catalog Review Committee	
	Provost and VP for Academic Affairs	

Revision of Existing Program

Contrast the current program with the proposed program, including credits required for the degree. Make sure all changes are noted. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Existing Program:	Proposed Program:
There is no Philosophy and Religious Studies minor in ethics.	A minor in ethics consists of 18 credit hours and is comprised of the following courses: PHIL 112: Ethics and Society (3 cr.) PHRE 202: Current Topics in Ethical Inquiry (3 cr.) PHIL 310: Professional Ethics (3 cr.) PHIL 390: Ethical Theory (3 cr.) PHIL 430: Emerging Trends in Bioethics (3 cr.) PHIL 440: Cultural Perspectives in Bioethics (3 cr.)