

ETHICS, VALUES, AND SOCIETY (CEVS), UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Undergraduate Certificate in Ethics, Values, and Society (CEVS) is an academic program for undergraduates to explore questions about ethics, politics, and social justice across topics and subject areas. We believe that ethics and values are an integral part of every major and discipline. In particular, the Certificate enables students to combine more practical and applied inquiries into ethical and social/political issues (perhaps pursued in the student's major) with grounding in the theoretical foundations of such inquiries.

The grounding in the main theories of ethics and political philosophy provided in the Foundational Philosophy Courses in the Certificate will add depth and richness to the student's studies in other, more applied and content-specific classes.

Certificate courses are organized around five themes with which most of the courses can be associated. Students are encouraged (not required) to select their Certificate courses with a thematic focus in mind:

1. **Institutions:** This theme concerns questions of ethics and justice in political, economic, legal, educational, and other institutions. Issues regarding international justice and human rights are also covered by this theme.
2. **Culture and Identity:** This theme explores and critiques conceptions of ethics and justice in relation to issues of culture and identity, including issues concerning class, race, gender, and sexual orientation.
3. **Environment:** This theme covers the just distribution and use of environmental resources, as well as the ethical treatment of non-human animals.
4. **Health:** This theme covers the just distribution and use of health resources, problems in bioethics, and related issues.
5. **Information Ethics:** This theme examines ethical issues regarding media and the use of information technology.

Eligibility

The Undergraduate Certificate in Ethics, Values, and Society is meant to enhance a bachelor's degree. The certificate is available to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM and to students who previously have received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university. Students currently involved in baccalaureate studies who successfully complete the requirements of the program will be awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Students who already have a bachelor's degree will receive the certificate upon completion of the program requirements.

Requirements

To obtain the certificate, the student must complete, with a minimum grade point average of 2.500, at least 18 credits (at least 6 courses) in approved CEVS courses, of which at least 12 credits must be in Letters and Science courses, with 6 of those at the 300 level or above. At least 12 credits must be earned in residence at UWM, and at least 9 of the credits taken in residence must be at the 300 level or above. No

more than 12 credits from any one department may count toward the certificate. Courses for the certificate may not be taken on a credit/no credit bases. The following are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Philosophy Foundation		
<i>Ethics</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PHILOS 241	Introductory Ethics	
PHILOS 341	Modern Ethical Theories	
PHILOS 349	Great Moral Philosophers	
<i>Social/Political Philosophy</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PHILOS 242	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	
PHILOS 355	Political Philosophy	
PHILOS 384	The Philosophy of Law	
Electives		
Select 9 credits (at least 3 courses)		9
Capstone		
Select 3 credits in a 500-600 level undergraduate seminar ¹		3
Total Credits		18

¹ The capstone requirement is fulfilled through a 500-600 level undergraduate seminar focused on issues of ethics, value, and/or social justice. An appropriate seminar will be offered in the Philosophy Department at least once per academic year.

Electives

Select from among the following courses that focus substantially on themes of ethics, value, justice, and the like.

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 261	Survey of African-American Political Philosophy	3
AFRIC 265	Psychological Effects of Racism	3
AFRIC 329	Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa	3
AFRIC 341	Black Politics and City Government	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRIC 416	Race and Social Justice in the United States	3
ANTHRO 440	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies	3
COMPLIT 230	Literature and Society: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 309	Great Works of Modern Literature: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 350	Topics in Comparative Literature: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 360	Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (with appropriate subtitle)	3

COMPLIT 464	Seminar in Comparative Literary Criticism:	3
ECON 328	Environmental Economics	3
GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3
GEOG 400	Population, Environment, Development	3
GEOG 464	Environmental Problems	3
GEOG 564	Urban Environmental Change and Social Justice	3
GLOBAL 361	Environment and Sustainability	3
INFOST 120	Information Technology Ethics	3
INFOST 661	Information Ethics	3
ITALIAN 258	Contemporary Italian Society and Culture	3
ITALIAN 357	Topics in Italian Culture in Translation: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
JAMS 461	Media Ethics	3
JEWISH 261	Representing the Holocaust in Words and Images	3
JEWISH 321	The Holocaust and the Politics of Memory	3
JEWISH 368	Jewish and Christian Responses to the Holocaust	3
JEWISH 449	Modern Jewish Thought	3
PHILOS 235	Philosophical Aspects of Feminism	3
PHILOS 237	Technology, Values, and Society	3
PHILOS 243	Moral Problems:	1
PHILOS 244	Ethical Issues in Health Care:	3
PHILOS 337	Environmental Ethics	3
PHILOS 435	Existentialism	3
PHILOS 535	Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:	3
PHILOS 542	Punishment and Responsibility	3
PHILOS 562	Special Topics in Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy:	3
SOCIOLOG 350	Environmental Sociology	3
TRNSLTN 411	Ethics in Translation and Interpreting	3
WGS 150	Multicultural America	3
WGS 200	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Social Science Perspective	3
WGS 201	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Humanities Perspective	3
WGS 300	Gender and Spirituality:	3
WGS 301	Queer Theory	3
WGS 302	Gendered Bodies:	3
WGS 303	Feminist Activism and Movements:	3
WGS 401	Global Feminisms	3
WGS 410	Feminist Theory	3

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