

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mark A. Emmert, President

June 20, 2007

Interim Dean Ron Irving College of Arts and Sciences Box 353765

Dear Ron:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Standards, the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy has recommended approval of a minor in Values in Society. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the department of Philosophy is authorized to offer this minor beginning autumn quarter 2007 and thereafter.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert

President

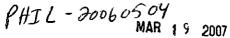
#### Enclosure

cc: Jean Roberts (with enclosure)

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)

Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure PHIL-20060504)





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1. Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change: (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

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<sup>\*</sup> For information about when and how to use this form please go to http://www.rushington.edu/faculty/facsenate/councils/fcas/1503/.

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The Values in Society Minor allows students to study ethics as it applies to almost any field or discipline. Students will learn to reflect intelligently about moral questions. Students will also gain vastly enriched conceptions of the ethical dimensions of their work.

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# Minor requirements: 25 credits, to include the following:

- Three courses in which normative thinking and conceptual analysis of values and 1. frameworks are central.
- Two courses in which values-laden issues are central. 2.
- The Minor is available to any major. However, for Philosophy majors, the 3. requirement shall be two courses in which normative thinking and conceptual analysis of values and frameworks are central and three courses in which valuesladen issues are central.

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### **Program Goals:**

Students will learn to think critically and imaginatively about the moral issues that they will face in their professional and personal lives. They will master the skills, methods, and knowledge that they will need for the rigorous, thoughtful, and creative treatment of normative analysis in general.

Students will gain a wider knowledge base than is usually targeted in traditional intradisciplinary studies. Students will study normative thinking and develop their critical evaluation skills; at the same time, they will gain familiarity with significant empirical information that will shape their practical normative arguments. They will learn from the diverse perspectives and ideas that are central to each of the various academic disciplines from which the minor is built.

Students will learn to communicate effectively about complex and sometimes highly charged issues. The ability to exchange information and viewpoints across a range of audiences and purposes is crucial to determining appropriate responses to today's moral problems. Students will learn to speak and listen in ways that allow them to learn from each other and to deliberate together rather than simply debate each other.

Finally, as the culmination of the above learning outcomes, students will be asked to integrate their interdisciplinary training in ethics by putting their developed expertise into practice in the community around them. Students will complete a fieldwork project that pushes them to grapple with the complications and experience the rewards that come from the difficult challenge of implementing policy or action that is ethically sensitive and practically feasible.

#### Rationale:

The Minor in Values in Society is completed by taking at least 27 credits from a list of acceptable courses from programs, departments, and units across campus. The Minor is premised on the fact that ethical issues arise in almost any field of study. It is thus designed to be sufficiently flexible to be a supplement to as many different courses of study as possible.

At least two courses in which values-laden issues are central are required for the minor. These courses provide the necessary information and expertise that fall outside the traditional orbit of moral theory and analysis. These are courses that deal with values-laden issues but that may approach these topics from a more empirical perspective or from within the confines of accepted practice within a discipline. Students, with the guidance of the Program advisor and their professors, should be left to choose courses that are suitable to their specific interests. Please see Appendix B for acceptable courses.

At the same time, ethical thinking and analysis require knowledge and skills that are sometimes beyond the scope of these values-laden classes. Thus, while there is no set of core courses for the minor, students are required to take three courses in which normative thinking and conceptual analysis of values and frameworks are central. These courses may call into question core assumptions taken in the values-laden courses within a discipline. A paradigm example of such a class is Phil 240: Introduction to Ethics. However, any course that approaches a given subject from a more theoretical than empirical perspective will allow students to gain valuable insights and skills about the normative world (for example, Phil 243/Envir 243: Environmental Ethics). Please see Appendix A for acceptable courses.

To acquire the breadth and depth required for sensitive and rigorous interdisciplinary study of ethical issues, students are required to complete 15 credits outside of their majors, and at least one course from each of the two grouping of courses at the 300-level or above.

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# Minor requirements: at least 27 credits, to include the following:

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- 2. Two courses in which values-laden issues are central (List B courses). At least one of these must be 300-level or above.
- 3. Completion of VALUES 498: Ethics in Practice (2 credit capstone)
- 4. The minor is available to all undergraduates. A minimum of 15 credits used for the minor must come from outside a student's major.
- 5. A minimum of 15 credits must be completed at the U.W.
- 6. Students must obtain a minimum 2.0 average in the courses they wish to use for the Minor.

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# 3. Signatures (required)

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The completion of VALUES 498: Ethics in Practice. This two-credit capstone course is designed as the culmination of the Values in Society minor sequence, and encourages students to synthesize their interdisciplinary training in ethics by putting their developed expertise into practice in the community around them. Students will complete a fieldwork project that pushes them to grapple with the complications and experience the rewards that come from the difficult challenge of implementing policy or action that is ethically sensitive and practically feasible. It is expected that this fieldwork will take one of two forms, depending on whether the students engage in and then reflect on their own experience, or whether they make themselves acquainted with and then reflect on the work of others.

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Students are encouraged to select courses that complement their interests. For example, a student interested in ethics, animals, and the environment may complete the Minor with the following courses:

- 1. PHIL 240—Introduction to Ethics
- 2. PHIL 243/ENVIR 243—Environmental Ethics
- 3. PHIL 415—Advanced Topics in Animal Welfare
- 4. POL S 383—Environmental Politics and Policy in the United States
- 5. ESRM 458—Management of Endangered, Threatened, and Sensitive Species
- 6 VALUES 498—Ethics in Practice

Or, a student interested in international business and justice may complete the Minor with the following courses:

- 1. PHIL 102—Contemporary Moral Problems
- 2. PHIL 110—Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
- 3. PHIL 407—International Justice
- 4. SIS 123—Introduction to Globalization
- 5. MGMT 320—Business, Government, and Society
- 6. VALUES 498—Ethics in Practice

#### Additional Details:

From time to time, courses may be reclassified, added to, or removed from the list of acceptable courses. Students who have planned their studies on the basis of an earlier list may fulfill the requirements of the minor as specified in the earlier list. In addition, students may petition the Values in Society undergraduate advisor for approval for courses not listed.

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#### Appendix A:

A minimum of three courses must be completed from the following list of courses in which normative thinking and conceptual analysis of values and frameworks are central. At least one of these courses must be 300-level or above.

MHE 402/PHIL 412—Ethics Theory

MHE 404/PHIL 413—Metaethical Theory

MHE 474/PHIL 411—Justice in Health Care

ENVIR 243/PHIL 243—Environmental Ethics

ENVIR 416/PHIL 416—Ethics and Climate Change

ENVIR 417/PHIL 417—Advanced Topics in Environmental Philosophy

PHIL 102—Contemporary Moral Problems

PHIL 110—Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

PHIL 114—Philosophical Issues in the Law

PHIL 230—Philosophic Issues in World Affairs

PHIL 240—Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 241—Topics in Ethics

PHIL 242-Introduction to Medical Ethics

PHIL 314—Philosophy of Crime and Punishment

PHIL 338—Philosophy of Human Rights

PHIL 345—Moral Issues of Life and Death

PHIL 346—Personal Values and the Human Good

PHIL 406—Philosophical Topics in Feminism

PHIL 407—International Justice

PHIL 408—Diversity

PHIL 409—Philosophy of Disability

PHIL 410—Social Philosophy

PHIL 414—Philosophy of Law

PHIL 415—Advanced Topics in Animal Welfare

PHIL 440—Ethics

POL S 212/WOMEN 206/PHIL 206—Philosophy of Feminism

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#### Appendix B:

A minimum of two courses must be completed from the following list of courses in which valuesladen issues are central. At least one course must be 300-level or above.

ANTH 150—Culture and Rights

ANTH 207—Class and Culture in America

ANTH 308—Anthropology of Women's Health and Reproduction

ANTH 323/LSJ 321—Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice

ANTH 345/SIS 345/Women 345—Women and International Development

ANTH 371/ENVIR 371—Anthropology of Development

ANTH 459/ENVIR 459—Culture, Ecology, and Politics

ANTH 474—Social Difference and Medical Knowledge

ANTH 485—Cultural Property: Legal and Ethical Issues

ANTH 487/AES 487—Cultures and Politics of Environmental Justice

ANTH 497/LSJ 425—Domesticating International Human Rights

CHID 260—Re-Thinking Diversity

CHID 332/LSJ 332—Disability and Society

CHID 433/LSJ 433—Disability Law, Policy and the Community

ECON 235/ENVIR 235—Introduction to Environmental Economics

ECON 435—Natural Resources Economics

ECON 436—Economics of the Environment

ECON 446—Economics of Education

ECON 447/WOMEN 447—Economics of Gender

ENGL 270—Cultural Issues in English

ENGL 478—Language and Social Policy

ENV H 205—Environmental Health in Film

ENV H 472—Environmental Risk and Society

ENVIR 215—Earth, Air, Water: The Human Context

ENVIR 220—Urban Ecology

ENVIR 235/ECON 235—Introduction to Environmental Economics

ENVIR 360/SCAND 350/SIS 350—Environmental Norms in International Politics

ENVIR 362/ESRM 362—Introduction to Restoration Ecology

ENVIR 371/ANTH 371—Anthropology of Development

ENVIR 379/ESRM 371/SOC 379—Environmental Sociology

ENVIR 384/POL S 384—Global Environmental Politics

ENVIR 415/CEE 495/ M E 415—Sustainability and Design for Environment

ENVIR 418/COMM 418—Communications and the Environment

ENVIR 439—Attaining a Sustainable Society

ENVIR 459/ANTH 459—Culture, Ecology and Politics

ESRM 150—Wildlife in the Modern World

ESRM 301—Maintaining Nature in an Urban and Urbanizing World

ESRM 362/ENVIR 362—Introduction to Restoration Ecology

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ESRM 371/ENVIR 379/SOC 379—Environmental Sociology ESRM 458—Management of Endangered, Threatened, and Sensitive Species ESRM 460/ENVIR 460—Institutionalizing Sustainable Ecological Practices ESRM 470—Natural Resource Policy and Planning FISH 439/ENVIR 439—Attaining a Sustainable Society GEOG 123/SIS 123—Introduction to Globalization GEOG 208—Geography of the World Economy GEOG 230—Urbanization and Development GEOG 270—Geographies and International Development and Environmental Change GEOG 316/ECON 316—Urban Economics GEOG 472—Ecoscapes: Nature, Culture, and Place INFO 220—Information Research Strategies INFO 444—Value-Sensitive Design INFO 454—Information Policy: Domestic and Global LSJ 320/POL S 368—The Politics and Law of International Human Rights LSJ 321/ANTH 323—Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice LSJ 327/POL S 327—Women's Rights as Human Rights LSJ 330/AES 330—Beyond Civil Rights LSJ 331/POL S 317—The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States LSJ 332/CHID 332—Disability and Society LSJ 362/SIS 362—Law and Justice LSJ 375—Crime, Politics, and Justice LSJ 377—Punishment LSJ 433/CHID 433—Disability Law, Policy, and the Community LSJ 434/CHID 434—Civil and Human Rights Law for Disabled People LSJ 444—Ethics in Law and Justice MGMT 200—Introduction to Law MGMT 320—Business, Government, and Society MGMT 323—Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility MHE 411—Introduction to Bioethics MHE 440/PHIL 459—Philosophy of Medicine NURS 200—Critical Approach to Women's Health NURS 410—Legal and Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice POL S 201—Introduction to Political Theory POL S 273—The Concept of Political Power POL S 303—Public Policy Formation in the United States POL S 305/COM 305: The Politics of Mass Communication in America POL S 311—The Individual and the State

POL S 368/LSJ 320—The Politics and Law of International Human Rights

POL S 383—Environmental Politics and Policy in the United States

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POL S 384/ENVIR 384—Global Environmental Politics

POL S 422—International Environmental Politics Seminar

POL S 465—Law and Public Policy in the United States

POL S 466/LSJ 466/WOMEN 410—Feminist Legal Studies: Theory and Practice

SIS 103—Society and the Oceans

SIS 123/GEOG 123—Introduction to Globalization

SIS 333/WOMEN 333—Gender and Globalization

SIS 345/ANTH 345/WOMEN 345—Women and International Economic Development

SIS 350/ENVIR 350/SCAND 350—Environmental Norms in International Politics

SIS 362/LSJ 362—Law and Justice

SIS 450/SOC 450—Political Economy of Women and Family in the Third World

WOMEN 207—Introduction to Feminist Theories

WOMEN 305—Feminism in an International Context

WOMEN 310—Women and the Law

WOMEN 322-Race, Class, and Gender

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# PHIL-20060504: Minor in Values in Society Tri-Campus Review Comments

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#### COMMENTS:

#### Comment by nkoyloe made 4/7/2007 5:11:27 PM

This looks like an amazing opportunity and a valuable addition to the university.

Minor in Values and Society: the proposal received some supportive and no negative comment on Tricampus Review, and was also approved for forwarding to FCTCP at the April 11th meeting.

George Dillon, Chair FCAS

academic program review?  _x Were comments received by academic program review body? na Was response to comments appropriate? (explain, if necessary)  _x Was final proposal reviewed by FCTCP within 14 days of receipt?  _x Was there adherence to the University Campuses Undergraduate Program Review Process? (explain, if necessary)
Comments by FCTCP: The one comment was positive; no response needed. It was noted that this program relies on a number of courses across campus and some may not be available.
C. Recommendation
_x Forward for final approval Forward to Provost because of University issues (Explain) Return to campus council because of insufficient review (Explain).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Endorsed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1/10/05, modified 1/31/06; These procedures apply to new undergraduate degrees, majors, minors (and certificates) and substantive changes to same