APPLIED PHILOSPHY (MA)

Master of Arts in Applied Philosophy
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/) (GA)
Department: Philosophy (https://louisville.edu/philosophy/)
Academic Plan Code(s): APHIMA

Program Information
Increasingly, firms and agencies recognize the significance of ethics, from hiring practices to workplace culture to how to treat clients.

The Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Philosophy is designed to teach diverse graduate, pre-professional and professional students and help them develop through both theoretical and hands-on philosophical training, into engaged citizens, leaders, and scholars. The MA in Applied Philosophy unites disciplines including sociology, medicine, law, public health, and social work. This breadth offers students a significant degree of flexibility to pursue their personal areas of interest and broaden their expertise beyond their core knowledge base. The degree prepares graduates to bring a more educated, nuanced and thoughtful approach to their work in clinical or hospital settings, health law or policy development or academic research and teaching as well as many other overlapping possibilities.

Graduates of the program will possess a mastery of 1) ethical theory, 2) the application of this theory to practice, and 3) the clinical case studies that guide research, policy, and legal deliberation in respect to our medical and health care practices. Graduates will be trained for positions in ethical leadership and will be “reflexively ethical” in order to establish standards that ramify throughout the organizations into which they are hired.

Degree Summary

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Guided electives (choose 12 hours from the courses below): 12

- ANTH 608 Social and Cultural Theory
- BETH 601 Independent Study in Bioethics
- BETH 685 Health Care Ethics Internship
- ECPY 663 Multicultural and Diversity Issues
- HIST 589/ WGST 532 History of American Sexualities - WR
- LAW 826 Family Law
- LAW 906 Race and the Law
- LAW 923 Elder Law
- LAW 924 Sexuality and the Law
- LAW 944 Poverty, Health and the Law
- LAW 946 Introductions to Health Law
- LAW 947 PSY, MENTAL HLTH, & LAW
- LAW 959 Genetics and the Law
- LAW 977 Animal Law
- LAW 978 Disability Law
- LAW 980 MEDICINE, BIOETHICS-LAW
- PAS 615 Theories of Race and Racism
- PHIL/PAS 616 African-American Philosophy
- PHIL 619 Topics in Philosophy of Race and Racism
- PHIL 690 Fundamentals of Diversity
- PHPB 612/ COMM 652 Health Communications Campaigns: Theory and Practice
- PHPB 630 Social Determinants of Health
- PHPB 635 Health Promotion Policy Development and Advocacy
- POLS 668/ WGST 656 Feminist Theory
- PSYC 656 Legal, Professional, and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology
- SOC 685 Race and Ethnicity
- SOC 740 Social Policy
- SOC 750 Program Evaluation
- SOC 760 Social Inequality and Stratification
- SW 602 Social Welfare Policy I
- SW 693 Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice Practice
- SW 622 Social Welfare Policy II
- SW 626 Research Methodology and Design
- SW 633 Social Work and Human Sexuality

Minimum Total Hours: 33

Admission Requirements
All applicants must submit to the Graduate Admissions Office:

- A graduate application (https://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/) with application fee
- Standardized test scores – GRE, MCAT or LSAT preferred (applicants who have completed Master’s or Doctoral level degrees are exempt from this requirement)
- TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo scores, if an international student
- Two recent letters of recommendation from those familiar with the applicant’s academic work or life long learning and speak to your ability to complete graduate level education. Discursive letters preferred.
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal statement, which should address why you have decided to pursue a MA in Applied Philosophy. The personal statement should be between 2-4 double spaced pages (500-1000 words).
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