

APPLIED PHILOSOPHY (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

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		15
Electives		15
Internship		3
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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Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
BETH 680	Foundations of Bioethics	3
BETH 681	Current Controversies in Health Care Ethics	3
BETH 682	Health and Social Justice	3
BETH 683	Racialized Medicine	3
BETH 684	Clinical Ethics	3
Choose one course from the following based upon concentration:		3
PHPB 630	Social Determinants of Health	
BETH 636	Philosophy of Science	
	or LAW 980 MEDICINE, BIOETHICS-LAW	
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	
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	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, Opression, and Social Justice Practice	
SW 622	Social Welfare Policy II	
SW 626	Research Methodology and Design	

SW 633	Social Work and Human Sexuality	
SW 636	Death & Grief	
SW 684	Spirituality and Social Work	
Culminating Graduate Experience		
BETH 685	Health Care Ethics Internship	3
Minimum Total Hours		33