

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

The Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Philosophy with Concentration in Health Care Ethics is designed for diverse graduate, pre-professional, and professional students to develop their skills as highly engaged citizens, leaders, and scholars. Building on six core bioethics courses, the MA in Applied Philosophy offers students a significant degree of flexibility through electives in other departments and schools to deepen 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 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
- 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).

Degree Requirements

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	Race, Medicine, and Health	3
BETH 684	Clinical Ethics	3
Choose one course from the following based upon concentration:		3
PHPB 630	Social and Structural Determinants of Health	
BETH 636	Philosophy of Science	
or LAW 980	Medicine, Bioethics and the 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 - WR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
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	Mental Health and the Law	
LAW 959	Genetics and the Law	
LAW 977	Animal Law	
LAW 978	Disability Law	
LAW 980	Medicine, Bioethics and the 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	Philosophical Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	
PHPB 612/ COMM 652	Health Communication: Theory and Practice	
PHPB 630	Social and Structural Determinants of Health	
PHPB 635	Health Promotion Policy Development	
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 675	Social Inequality & Stratification	
MSSW 603	Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice Practice	
Culminating Graduate Experience		
BETH 685	Health Care Ethics Internship	3
Minimum Total Hours		33