

ETHICS (CERT)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Certificate in Ethics

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>) (AS)

Department: Philosophy (<http://louisville.edu/philosophy/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): ETHICUG

Program Information

Many professions from tech to health care realize that ethics cannot be taken for granted but must be designed into organizations. From avoiding lawsuits and whistleblower complaints, to complying with the law, to maintaining quality organizational relations and relationships with clients, ethics is essential for firms and agencies in the 21st century. The certificate in ethics prepares graduates for ethical leadership roles in whatever field they enter. The program will train students in modes of ethical reasoning and in how to apply their ethical reasoning skills in the workplace and in daily life. The certificate provides graduates with a credential indicating their preparation for ethics compliance and other modes of demonstrating ethical practice in the professions. The program is also of benefit to students with personal and/or intellectual interests in the study of ethics and moral reasoning.

Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled at UofL must be in good standing to enter the certificate in ethics program. First time freshmen, transfer, and postbaccalaureate applicants must meet the regular admission standards (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/college-arts-sciences/>) of the College of Arts and Sciences. This undergraduate certificate program may be completed as a stand-alone credential; however, it will not be eligible for federal financial aid. Students enrolled in degree programs and pursuing this certificate may be eligible for federal financial aid.

Students are required to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in the certificate, with no more than one grade of C in classes counted towards the certificate.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Students must complete one of the following courses:		3
PHIL 321	Ethics	
PHIL 521	Ethical Theory	
Select 9 hours from the course list below:		9
CSE 311	Ethics, Social, and Legal Aspects on the Electronic Frontier	
CJ 597	Ethics in Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
COMM 506	Ethical Problems in Communication - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

NURS 388	Global Health: Disparities and Social Determinants - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management
PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 225	Business Ethics
PHIL 318	Feminist Philosophy - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 319	Philosophy of Race and Racism - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics
PHIL 325	Feminist Medical Ethics - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 327	Philosophy of Disability
PHIL 328	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 360	Technology and Human Values - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 427	Philosophy and the Environment
PHIL 459	Philosophy of Technology
PHIL/PAS 516	African-American Philosophy
PHIL 535	Political Philosophy
PHIL 580	Foundations of Bioethics
PHIL 581	Current Controversies in Health Care Ethics
PHIL/WGST 582	Health and Social Justice
PHIL 583	Race, Medicine, and Health
PHIL 590	Philosophical Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
PPE 300	Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

Minimum Total Hours

12

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a certificate must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.