UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ETHICS (COMPLEMENTARY MINOR)



UNIVERSITÉ SAINT-PAUL UNIVERSITY

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General Information

A complementary minor is taken in addition to a student's main program. There is no direct admission in a complementary program; the choice is made after admission and registration in a bachelor program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory courses (12 credits)

PHI1105 Introduction to Philosophical Reasoning
PHI2111 History of Ethics
PHI2154 Moral Philosophy
PHI2182 Human Existence

Optional courses (18 credits)

12 credits from:
ISC2306 Media and Ethics
PHI2121 Texts in Bioethics
PHI2185 Ethics and Education
PHI2311 Selected Topics in Political Philosophy I
PHI2397 Business Ethics (UO)
PHI2398 Environmental Ethics (UO)

6 credits from :
ISC3303 Professional Ethics in Communication
PHI 3131 Ethics Counselling
PHI3307 Ethics and Multiculturalism
PHI3308 Ethics and Politics
PHI3309 Ethics and Religion

A course that is part of a bachelor degree or a major cannot count as an optional course toward a minor

COURSES

ISC 2306 - MEDIA AND ETHICS

Constitutive elements of ethical behavior. Basic ethical criteria in media communication. Rights in communication situations. Deontology codes in use in several institutions. Case analysis in media praxis: persuasion communication and fiction.

ISC 3303 - PROFESSIONAL ETHICS IN COMMUNICATION

Professional Ethics in Communication Overview of approaches to professional ethics covering different subject areas of social communications including: news journalism, public relations, advertising and marketing. Ethical codes and regulation. Case studies.

PHI 1105 - INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING

Explores the various sides of Critical Thinking: the nature of arguments, common errors in reasoning as well as evaluating evidence and information. Enables students to acquire and develop research and writing skills.

PHI 2111 - HISTORY OF WESTERN ETHICS

When offered, this course would take one of the following three forms: I. Ancient and Medieval Ethics: Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman Ethics. Selection from Plato's Dialogues, and Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Selection from the Epicureans, Stoics, Neoplatonists, and Aquinas. II. Early Modern Ethics: Renaissance Humanists, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Locke, and Hume. III. Post-Kantian Ethics. Selections from Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, J.S. Mill, T.H. Green. Selections from Moore, the positivists and post-modernists. Western ethics may be compared and contrasted to selected non-Western traditions.

PHI 2121 - ETHICS AND NEW BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Impact of robotics and new technologies on the patient-healthcare practitioner relationship, medical interventions, the manner in which we perceive our own bodies, and transhumanism.

PHI 2154 - MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Survey of the major ethical systems in the Western world. Relationship between philosophical and religious thinking in ethical matters. Fundamental questions facing contemporary moral consciousness.

PHI 2154 and PHI 2174 are mutually exclusive. PHI 2154 was previously under course code PHI 3183.

PHI 2182 - PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Study of different philosophical conceptions of the human being.

PHI 2185 - ETHICS AND EDUCATION

Examination of the philosophical and psychological research on the formation of ethical judgments. Relationships between judgment, feeling, and moral action. Examination of how various learning theories can be incorporated into teaching ethics to children, how ethics may be taught to children both inside and outside a religious context. Education as a pillar of democratic citizenship.

PHI 2311 - SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY I

Study of a particular theme in political philosophy or of a particular author in political thought.

PHI 2397 - BUSINESS ETHICS (UO)

Within the context of the diminishing role of the state and of globalization, study of ethical issues in business such as: The social responsibility of firms, the rights and obligations of employees and employers, the problem of discrimination.

PHI 2398 - ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS (UO)

Study of ethical questions concerning the preservation of species and natural objects, animal rights, and our obligations towards future generations. Study of theoretical frameworks such as deep ecology (Naess) and of environmental ethics (Carlson).

PHI 3131 - ETHICS COUNSELLING

Principles of ethics consultations. Application of ethical theories to the practice of counselling. How to take decisions in the area of ethics. How to facilitate ethical decision making by individuals and organizations.

PHI 3307 - ETHICS, MULTICULTURALISM AND IMMIGRATION

This course examines the relation of ethics, multiculturalism, and immigration, studies the questions regarding the possibility of a multicultural ethics, and addresses the issues and debates arising from cultural relativism and identity politics in the functioning of modern societies.

PHI 3308 - ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Ethical issues relating to the public sector. Definitions of the common good and of public service. Study of the role of public policy in the functioning of various states and governments, and the implications of their coherence or conflict in the social, political and economic realms.

PHI 3309 - ETHICS AND RELIGION

This course examines the philosophical foundations of various ethical and religious traditions and addresses the possibility of their convergence in modern liberal societies.