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W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Smith,

The College of Medicine asks that the College of Arts and Sciences upload the attached revised informational sheet for the Bioethics undergraduate minor. The Bioethics Division is adding several Bioethics courses in the list of possible "required courses:"

- Bioethics 3880
- Bioethics 5030
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- Bioethics 5060

We would request this revision be made as an informational item at the Committee on Academic Affairs. We are also updating contact information on this information form and the application, also attached, as we have moved the Center for Bioethics offices and we would like to use a general email address. Please let us know what further details are needed to make this revision official.

Sincerely,

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The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Bioethics Minor

Division of Bioethics

Department of Biomedical Education & Anatomy

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<https://medicine.osu.edu/orgs/bioethics>

The Bioethics Minor is designed to support and further undergraduate students' learning about the ethical issues surrounding advances in biology and medicine. As a subfield of ethics, bioethics explores the moral landscapes related to the life sciences, hence offering students the opportunity to engage key issues ranging from clinical medical ethics, the boundaries of life, biotechnology, health care resources, human subjects research, human enhancement, etc. As an interdisciplinary study, bioethics draws from a diversity of fields for courses that illustrate the social, political, moral, and humanistic context surrounding medicine and healthcare. Students seeking graduate work and/or careers in any of the health professions will benefit from this minor. Equally, students in the humanities who wish to understand the social and cultural dimensions of healthcare ethics beyond professional scientific and medical knowledge will benefit from the Bioethics Minor.

The minor in Bioethics consists of at least 15 credit hours. Several courses in the minor can be used toward General Education requirements. Students are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to consider which courses might be the best fit for their individual academic program. *Note that several courses are less than 3 credits.

Required courses: Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours in bioethics courses offered from the Division of Bioethics. Taking at least one 2000- or 3000-level course is recommended before a 5000-level course.

BIOETHC:

- 2000 Theory and Foundations of Bioethics (3)
- 2010 Ethics of Biomedical Science Research (3)
- 2020 Bioethics in Film, Media & Society:
Explorations in Culture and Biopolitics (3)
- 3000 Case Studies in Medical and Health Care
Ethics (3)
- 3880 Crisis Bioethics: Ethical Issues in Disasters,
Pandemics and Humanitarian Crises (3)
- 4000 Readings in Bioethics (3)

- 5030 Neuroethics (3)
- 5040 Disability Bioethics (3)
- 5050 Evaluating Neuroscience in Society (2)*
- 5060 Artificial Intelligence and Bioethics (1.5)*

Electives: Choose up to 6 credit hours of the following bioethics-related elective courses to count towards the required 15 credits for the Bioethics Minor.

The following courses are examples—but not an exhaustive list—of approved electives. All electives not listed below must be approved by the Bioethics Minor Director or Assistant Director.

ANTHROP:

- 5600 Evolutionary Medicine (3)
- 5602 Women's Health in Global Perspective (3)

CLASSICS:

- 2204 Medicine in the Ancient World (3)

CMPSTD:

- 2340 Introduction to Cultures of Science and
Technology (3)
- 3645 Cultures of Medicine (3)

COMM:

- 4736 Health Communication in Interpersonal
Contexts (3)
- 4737 Health Communication in Mass Mediated
Contexts (3)
- 4738 Health Communication and New Media (3)

ENGLISH:

- 3361 Narrative and Medicine (3)
- 4410 Healthcare Experiences: Observing,
Reading, Writing (3)

HISTORY:

- 2066 History of Medicine in Film (3)
- 2703 History of Public Health, Medicine and
Disease (3)
- 3701 History of American Medicine (3)

HTHRHS:

- 2530 The Evolving Art & Science of Medicine (3)
- 4000 Application of Ethical Decision Making in
Health Care (3)
- 5610 Death, Loss, and Grief in Multiple
Perspectives (2)*

PHILOS:

- 2342 Environmental Ethics (3)
- 2650 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (3)
- 3300 Moral Philosophy (3)
- 3341H Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice (3)
- 5300 Advanced Moral Philosophy (3)

PHR:

- 3430 Quest for the Cure (3)
- 3500 Pharmacoethics: Dilemmas and Decision Making (3)
- 3530 Drugs, Human Enhancement and the Mastery of Nature (3)

PUBHLTH:

- 2010(H) Intro to Global Public Health (3)

PUBHHBP:

- 3510 Role of Behavior in Public Health (3)

SOCIOL:

- 2290 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)
- 3630 Medical Sociology (3)
- 5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness (3)

Bioethics minor program guidelines:

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15. No 1000-level courses shall be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000-level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor coursework

- Coursework graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required: Coursework for the minor must be approved by the Center for Bioethics as the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the Center for Bioethics as the academic unit offering the minor.

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Bioethics Minor Application

Student Information

Name: _____ OSU.#: _____
Major(s): _____ Graduation Term/Year: _____

Minor Checklist

- At least 15 total hours
- Min. 9+ hours of Bioethics courses
- Max. 6 hours of electives
- Min. 6 hours at 3000 level or higher
- At least C- for each course
- At least 2.00 cumulative GPA
- No Pass/Non-Pass courses

For a full list of requirements and courses, please refer to the Bioethics Minor Advising Sheet.

Coursework

Please list the courses that you have taken or plan to take to meet the requirements for the Bioethics minor.

Bioethics Courses (min. 9 hours)

Subject	Number	Term Taken	Final Grade
BIOETHC			

Auxiliary Electives (max. 6 hours)

Subject	Number	Term Taken	Final Grade

Total Hours: _____

Please send your completed form to Anna Meurer at anna.meurer@osumc.edu. After approved by the Director of the Bioethics Minor, the form will be returned to you to then submit to your advisor. Upon completion of coursework, the minor will be added to your academic record by the records manager in your College.

Approvals:

Student Signature

Center for Bioethics

Academic Advisor