

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN INTEGRATED STUDIES: BIOETHICS AND POLICY IN HEALTHCARE CONCENTRATION

The BS in Integrated Studies: Bioethics and Policy in Healthcare Concentration combines Health Sciences, Philosophy, and Sociology minors to prepare students for ethical and socially aware careers in healthcare. It equips them to approach a career in healthcare challenges with a balance of ethical considerations and practical solutions. Graduates pursue careers in healthcare administration, public health policy, ethics consultation, patient advocacy, and health education. They manage healthcare operations, ensure compliance with laws and regulations, research and analyze policies, healthcare delivery, and health insurance.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Integrated Studies: Bioethics and Policy in Healthcare Concentration		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication) ¹		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ^{2,3}		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ²		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) ²		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History) ²		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) ²		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ²		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ²		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
CHSS Core (Select one course from the following:)		3
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	
ENGL 3377	Argument and Persuasion	
HSTY 3345 or HIST 3373	History of Medicine Topics in the History of Science and Medicine	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
POLS 3379	Research and Writing in Political Science	
SOCI 2399	Writing in Sociology	
Select 15 advanced elective hours (3000-4000) from related subject areas ⁴		15
Major: Foundation		
INTG 3301	Critical Approaches to Integrated Studies	3
INTG 4301	Integrated Studies Capstone ⁵	3
Minor: Required		
Minor Area I: Health Sciences ⁶		
HLTH 1360	The Fundamentals of Health Promotion and Health Careers	3
HLTH 1366	Lifestyle and Wellness	3
HLTH 2391	Human Diseases	3
Select four courses from the following HLTH Electives:		12
(Six credit hours must be at 3000-4000 level and taken at SHSU.)		
HLTH 2372	Health & Medical Terminology	
HLTH 2383	Multicultural Health Issues	
HLTH 3350	Principles of Public Health	
HLTH 3355	United States Health Care Systems	
HLTH 3361	Health Planning & Evaluation	
HLTH 3380	Drug Use and Abuse	
HLTH 3385	Safety Education	
HLTH 3390	Family Life & Sex Education	
HLTH 3392	Health Communication and Literacy	
HLTH 4365	Health Care Policy	

HLTH 4371	Patient Navigation	
Minor Area II: Philosophy		
PHIL 2303 or PHIL 2352	Critical Thinking Introduction to Contemporary Logic	3
Select three courses from the following PHIL Electives:		9
PHIL 3372	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 4306	Philosophy of Biology	
PHIL 4333	Bioethics	
PHIL 4361	Philosophy of Psychology and Mind	
PHIL 4363	Ethical Theories	
PHIL 4371	Death and Dying	
Select two courses from the following PHIL Advanced Electives:		6
PHIL 3371	Existentialism and Self-Awareness	
PHIL 4372	Theories of Knowledge and Reality	
PHIL 4375	Feminist Philosophies	
PHIL 4377	Philosophy of Race	
Minor Area III: Sociology		
SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2319	Introduction to Sociology Introduction To Ethnic Studies	3
SOCI 3370	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOCI 4344	Sociological Theory	3
Select three courses from the following SOCI Electives		9
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	
SOCI 3325	Gender And Inequality	
SOCI 3335	Food and Society	
SOCI 3354	Sociology of the Life Course	
SOCI 3365	Sociology Of Health & Illness	
Total Hours		123

- ¹ Taken first year.
- ² Taken first or second year.
- ³ MATH 1332 is recommended.
- ⁴ These courses are in addition to major/minor requirements.
- ⁵ Students must have senior hours, be in good academic standing, and have completed the required CHSS Core course and INTG 3301 before registering for INTG 4301.
- ⁶ Some minors require more than 18 semester credit hours.

Notes

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Core Component Areas II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX (including the one credit hour requirement) could double dip from the core and the minors.

Each minor must have 18 unique credits. Students may have to take more than 18 credits to complete the minor.

Graduation requirements include completing all course requirements along with completing at least 120 hours, 42 advanced hours, 24 advanced in-residence hours, and INTG 4301. Students may need to take general electives and/or advanced general electives outside of courses outlined on their degree plan to meet those requirements.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in INTG 3301 and INTG 4301.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)	3
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 HSTY 1302 ³	3
HSTY 1301 ³		3 POLS 2305 ⁴	3
		15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 INTG 3301	3
CHSS Core ^{5,6}		3 Minor Area I: Health Sciences ⁷	6
Minor Area I: Health Sciences ⁷		6 Minor Area II: Philosophy	3
POLS 2306 ⁴		3	
		17	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Minor Area I: Health Sciences ⁷		6 DSR Advanced Electives ⁸	3
Minor Area II: Philosophy		6 Minor Area II: Philosophy	6
Minor Area III: Sociology		3 Minor Area III: Sociology	6
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DSR Advanced Electives ⁸		6 DSR Advanced Electives ⁸	6
Minor Area I: Health Sciences ⁷		3 INTG 4301 ⁹	3
Minor Area II: Philosophy		3 Minor Area III: Sociology	6
Minor Area III: Sociology		3	
		15	15

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² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
⁵ CHSS Core (Select one of the following courses): ENGL 3330, ENGL 3377, HSTY 3345 or HIST 3373, PHIL 2303, POLS 3379, SOCI 2399.
⁶ The course chosen in this block may also satisfy a requirement for a minor.
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Integrated Studies: Bioethics and Policy in Healthcare Concentration is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Integration of diverse fields and perspectives.
- Innovative problem-solving abilities.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Ethical decision-making.
- Health communications.
- Sociocultural health analysis.