

MINOR IN APPLIED ETHICS AND CRITICAL THINKING

The minor in Applied Ethics and Critical Thinking departs significantly from tradition. Rather than a concentration of content in a specific discipline, it provides students with a cross-disciplinary intellectual experience. The courses constituting the minor are designed to foster evaluation of competing discourses surrounding complex societal issues through various disciplinary lenses. To give a more concrete example of what this means, a student might complete a Philosophy course focused on racial disparities in environmental policy, an English course focused on literary treatments of economic inequality, and a Sociology course focused on water scarcity. Thus, the student would have the opportunity to think critically about three distinct, ethically fraught issues in three disciplinary milieus.

The courses in the minor may be focused on disparate topics and discourses, but they are united in their method of instruction, which is uniquely suited to serving the minor's aim. This minor is comprised of courses that incorporate Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) on the Ethics, Western Civilization, and American Traditions (EWCAT) model. Each course in the sequence is designed to encourage student ownership of learning and engagement with original texts. EWCAT courses are currently taught in various departments in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS).

Code	Title	Hours
Minor in Applied Ethics and Critical Thinking		
Required Courses		
THNK 3333	Foundations of Inquiry	3
THNK 4396	Capstone Seminar	3
Prescribed Electives		
Four additional EWCAT courses ¹		12
Total Hours		18

¹ EWCAT courses, choose from the following:

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EWCAT Courses		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
ENGL 2332	World Literature I: Before the 17th Century	3
ENGL 2333	World Literature II: From the 17th Century and After	3
ENGL 3334	Literature and Film	3
ENGL 3338	Studies in Multicultural Literature	3
ENGL 3391	Studies in Shakespeare: Tragedies and Histories	3
HSTY 1301	U.S. History to 1876	3
HSTY 1302	U.S. History Since 1876	3
HSTY 2311	World History to 1500	3
HSTY 2312	World History Since 1500	3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 2306	Contemporary Moral Issues	3
PHIL 4333	Bioethics	3
PHIL 4363	Ethical Theories	3
PHIL 4371	Death and Dying	3
POLS 2305	American Government	3
POLS 3373	Ideologies and Democracy	3
POLS 3377	Survey of Political Theory	3
POLS 3378	American Political Thought	3
PSYC 3381	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	3
PSYC 4334	Applied Social Psychology	3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 2319	Introduction To Ethnic Studies	3

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SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	3
SOCI 3376	Rural And Urban Sociology	3