

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** _____ Franklin College _____
2. **Department/Division:** ___Philosophy_____
3. **Minor Name:** __Bioethics_____
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** _August 1, 2025_____
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** ___Athens_____

6. Program Description:

Provide a brief summary of the objective of the program.

Bioethics is the interdisciplinary study of ethical and philosophical issues that arise in the context of medicine and bioresearch. The minor in Bioethics is designed to provide University of Georgia students with the opportunity to achieve a deeper understanding of these issues, as well as to increase their familiarity with the concepts and arguments used in the field. The minor will enhance students' ability to think and argue in a manner that will benefit them in a variety of careers and areas of post-graduate study. It will also assist them in developing their analytical and critical thinking skills with special emphasis on ethical reasoning.

The minor includes three required ethics courses in Philosophy, plus a choice from a range of courses across departments, all of which promote the skills mentioned in the previous paragraph. These courses, which constitute a cohesive set, cover the fundamental principles of ethical thought, the specific issues and theories addressed in the field of bioethics, and the broader health and medical context. It will provide students with the tools to address the most critical contemporary issues in bioethics.

7. Program of Study/Requirements:

Include prefixes, numbers, and titles of required courses, as well as total credit hours (must be 15-18 hours). Include any residency requirements or grade requirements.

- **Total credit hours: 15**
- **Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.**
- **Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.**
- **Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to earn the minor.**
- **All upper-division (3000-level and above) courses must be taken in residence.**

Required courses (9 credits)

PHIL 2030 (or 2030H, or 2030E): Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 3220 (or 3220H): Biomedical Ethics
PHIL 4260: Advanced Topics in Bioethics [proposed new course, if this is not approved then
PHIL 3200 will be required]

Additional courses (6 credits)

ANTH 3540: Multicultural Health Care
IHDD 4050: Critical Issues in Disability Studies
PHIL 3200: Ethical Theory [see above, if required then this will not be included in additional
courses]
PHIL 3210: Feminist Philosophy
PHIL 3230: Ethics of Food
PHIL 4210: Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 4220: Environmental Ethics
PHIL 4250 Philosophy of Technology
PHIL 4700: Philosophy and Race
SOC 3100 (or 3100H): Medical Sociology
SOC 3110 (or 3110H): Sociology of Healthcare
WMST 4120: Sex, Politics, Science, and Reproduction

Note that all courses are 3 credits.

8. Approvals:

<u><i>Aaron Maskin</i></u>	<u>Department of Philosophy</u>	<u>10/18/2025</u>
Department Head	Department	Date
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