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NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department Philosophy

College Honors College

Program Name
Interdisciplinary Ethics Minor

☐ **New Program***
☑ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

Edited the description.
Remove line about 'substitutes permitted' given the new petition requirements.
Require 3 instead of 2 courses from Course A list.
Incorporated courses that now have new course numbers, deleted courses no longer offered, and added 'Honors' to one course title where it was mistakenly omitted.
Removed HUM 2020 from Course B list as it lacks sufficient ethics content.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

Approved by		***Date***
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Email this form and attachments to mjenning@fau.edu seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

Interdisciplinary Ethics

(Minor Concentration)

Advisory Board:

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The Interdisciplinary Ethics Minor engages students in the theoretical and practical study of moral values and ethical decision-making~~moral values~~. At its core, ethics asks, "How ought I to act?"—a question that becomes increasingly important as students encounter complex challenges across academic fields and professional environments and in an increasingly polarized society. ~~Ethics examines what is a good vs a bad life, and what actions are right vs wrong. The study of ethics and the practice of ethical reflection should therefore be key elements in the education of students~~ Studying ethics cultivates empathy and sharpens critical reasoning , enabling students to balance competing interests, weigh consequences, and make principled choices ~~in every area of the curriculum as well as in business, professional, and public life.~~ Every major profession recognizes the need to act ethically, as reflected in the codes of conduct that guide the practice of law, medicine, psychology, business, teaching, government, and scientific research.~~Ethics is an important regulative basis for conduct in the natural and social sciences, in professional practices including law, medicine, psychology, and teaching, for those engaged in public service, government and charitable organizations, and for entrepreneurship in private industry.~~

~~The~~ minor ~~is designed to teach ethics across the curriculum. It includes classes from disciplines in the arts and sciences with sustained attention to ethical issues. The program is organized around core ethics courses and applied ethical studies in various disciplines.~~

Requirements

Students must take at least five classes in approved coursework in ethics. ~~*(Substitutes are permitted but must be approved by two members of the advisory board.)*~~

Course list A

Students must take at least ~~2~~ 3 courses in ethics from this list

Course #	Course Name	Credits
PHI 3670	Honors Ethical Theory	3

Course #	Course Name	Credits
POS 2692 or CCJ 2002	Honors Punishment or Honors Law, Crime and Crim Justice Sys	3
POS 3021 or POT 2002	Honors History of Political Theory or Honors Introduction to Political Theory	3
PHI 2642	Honors Ethics of Social Diversity	3
PHI 3653	Honors Ethics in Business, Government and Society	3
~~PHI 3644~~	~~Honors Obligations~~	~~3~~
PHI 3633	Honors Biomedical Ethics	3
PHI 3682	Honors Environmental Philosophy	3
PHI 3692	Honors Artificial Intelligence Ethics	3

Course List B

Students may take up to 2 courses from this list

Course #	Course Name	Credits
AMS 4332	Honors Violence in the US	3
~~HUM 2020~~	~~Honors Introduction to Humanities~~	~~3~~
POS 3626	Honors Privacy	3
WST 3015	Honors Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WST 4504	Honors Feminist Theory	3