

To: IPFW Senate

From: Ann Livschiz, Chair
Curriculum Review Subcommittee

Date: September 28, 2011

Re: Proposal for the Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics

The Curriculum Review Subcommittee supports the proposal for the Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics, and finds that the proposal requires no Senate review.

Approving:

Ronald Duchovic

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Not Approving

Absent

**IPFW
Request for a New Minor**

Proposed Title of Minor: Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics

Department Offering the Minor: Philosophy

Projected Date of Implementation: Fall 2011

I. Why is this minor needed? (Rationale)

The Philosophy Department has an existing minor (Minor in Applied Ethics) that it will be discontinuing. This minor will serve as an improved version of that Minor.

At its February 7, 2011 meeting, the Philosophy Department at IPFW unanimously supported the modification of its existing Minor in Applied Ethics to a Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics. Only after this meeting was the department informed that no such alterations were allowable and that a request for a new minor must be submitted. The rationale outlined below is the rationale the department approved for replacing the old minor with a new one.

A Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics would echo the Baccalaureate Framework and take full advantage of existing faculty expertise.

This new minor would allow the Philosophy Department to enhance its contribution to the third foundation of the Baccalaureate Framework: "Students will demonstrate the highest levels of personal integrity and professional ethics." It would also allow the Philosophy Department to highlight its new faculty's expertise in professional ethics.

The substantial changes from the existing (to-be-discontinued) minor include changes to specific courses required, the title of the minor, and the number of required courses.

In addition to Phil 111 (Ethics) and Phil 480 (Practicum in Applied Ethics), the Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics also requires Phil 329 (Professional Ethics), a course recently approved by the COAS Curriculum Committee. This addition has also increased the number of required courses from five to six.

To reflect the modification of emphasis, the title of the minor has been changed from "Applied Ethics" to "Professional and Applied Ethics".

Finally, the Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics requires either Phil 312 (Medical Ethics) or Phil 326 (Business Ethics).

II. List the major topics and curriculum of the minor.

Professional Ethics, Applied Ethics, Ethical Theory

(see attached description for more comprehensive course listings)

III. What are the admission requirements?

None.

IV. Describe student population to be served.

All pre-professional students (nursing, dentistry, psychology, etc.), business students, and other students interested in applied ethics

V. How does this minor complement the campus or departmental mission?

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VI. Describe any relationship to existing programs within the university.


No formal relationships

VII. List and indicate the resources required to implement the proposed minor. Indicate sources (e.g., reallocations or any new resources such as personnel, library holdings, equipment, etc.).

None

VIII. Describe any innovative features of the program (e.g., involvement with local or regional agencies, or offices, cooperative efforts with other institutions, etc.).

Includes required practicum, a service learning experience addressing professional and applied ethics in the world outside academia.



Chair's Signature

02/09/2011

Date

Minor in Professional and Applied Ethics (New Minor)

Requirement 1:

Phil 111 Ethics

AND

Phil 329 Professional Ethics

Credits: 6

Requirement 2: *1 of following

Phil 312 Medical Ethics

OR

Phil 326 Business Ethics

Credits: 3

Requirement 3: *2 of the following

Phil 312 Medical Ethics

OR

Phil 326 Business Ethics

OR

Phil 328 Ethics and Animals

OR

Phil 327 Environmental Ethics

OR

Phil 504 Human Rights Ethics

OR

Another course approved by the Minor Program Director

Credits: 6

Requirement 4:

Phil 480 Practicum in Applied Ethics (At the discretion of the Minor Program Director, the Strasbourg Study Abroad trip may fulfill this requirement)

Credits: 3

**Note: Courses cannot be used for both Requirement 2 and Requirement 3. For example, successful completion of Phil 312 can be used for either Requirement 2 or Requirement 3, but not both.*

Total Credits: 18