

Memo

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RE: JD/Graduate Certificate in Health Law and Bioethics Proposal

As you know, the IUPUI Department of Philosophy and the IU School of Law–Indianapolis currently offer a combined-degrees program in health law and bioethics (JD/MA). Information on this program can be found at http://www.iupui.edu/~philosop/ma_combined_degrees.htm

Recently, the Dept. of Philosophy instituted a Graduate Certificate in Bioethics program. Information on this program can be found at http://www.iupui.edu/~philosop/graduate_certificates.htm

As part of the Graduate Certificate program, students may take up to 6 cr. of bioethics-related electives outside of the Dept. of Philosophy. Hence, students may take up to 6 cr. of health law electives offered through the School of Law.

This memo is to propose that students who are enrolled in both the Law School's JD program in health law and the Dept. of Philosophy's Graduate Certificate in Bioethics program be allowed to count up to 6 cr. of health law courses toward both the JD and the Graduate Certificate. This would parallel the current ability of students in the JD/MA combined-degrees program to count 6 cr. of health law courses toward both the JD and MA degrees.

Since this proposal does not reduce the number of credits students would need to complete their JD, approval is not required from the School of Law's curriculum committee. Also, since this proposal does not involve any changes to the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics curriculum, it is my understanding that it should not require approval from either the School of Liberal Arts or IUPUI Graduate Curriculum Committees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

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