

Memo

Date: 1/27/2009
From: Jason T. Eberl, Philosophy Department
To: Sherry Queener, Associate Dean and Director, Graduate Office
Debra Barker, Recorder, Graduate Office
CC: John Tilley, Chair, Department of Philosophy
RE: Credit Requirement Change for MA Program – Bioethics Track

This memo is to request a change to the required credit hours for the Bioethics track of the Philosophy MA Program. The proposed change does not refer to the total required number of credit hours – thirty (30) – but to the number of required courses in *philosophy*.

Currently, the program curriculum requires at least twenty (20) credit hours of courses in philosophy (offered either at IUPUI, IU-Bloomington, or another institution from which transfer credit is accepted). The department would like to change this requirement to eighteen (18) credit hours to allow students in this track greater variability to take non-philosophy bioethics-related courses.

The 18 cr. requirement will also be incorporated into the proposed curriculum for the new International Research Ethics track currently under development.

This change will be counterbalanced by the development of a new *general* philosophy track – per the recommendation following from the department’s recent external review – the curriculum of which will be comprised of only graduate courses in philosophy.

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

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