

Cover Sheet

Date: 25 March, 2013 (date of submission to Liberal Arts Graduate Curriculum Committee)

Institution: Indiana University

Campus: Indianapolis

School or College: Liberal Arts

Department: Philosophy

Location: On Campus

County: Marion

Type: Degree Program

Degree/Certificate name: PhD Minor in Bioethics

Graduate/Undergraduate: Graduate

Degree Code: PhD

Brief Description: See attachment

Reason for new degree: See attachment

CIP Code: 38.0104

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Application for
Ph.D. Minor in Bioethics
Department of Philosophy
School of Liberal Arts
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Title of Minor

Ph.D. Minor in Bioethics.

Proposing Department

Department of Philosophy, School of Liberal Arts, IUPUI.

Statement of Purpose and Rationale

The purpose of this doctoral minor is to attract students who are interested in bioethics and currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at IUPUI or Indiana University-Bloomington. Interest in such a minor has already been expressed by students and faculty of the Ph.D. program in Health Policy and Management offered through the Fairbanks School of Public Health. The IUPUI Philosophy Department is uniquely positioned within the IU system to offer such a doctoral minor given the presence of many health-related schools on the IUPUI campus and the fact that the department already offers a master's degree with concentrations in bioethics and international research ethics, as well as a graduate certificate in bioethics.

Evidence of Need and Compatibility with Campus Mission

Bioethics is a rapidly growing field that requires educated and trained theorists and practitioners. IUPUI is well-placed to play a leading role in the academic training of such individuals. IUPUI is home to one of the nation's largest health-profession complexes, one that boasts not only the nation's second largest school of medicine and its largest multi-purpose school of nursing, but also has sizable programs in dentistry and allied health sciences. The IU School of Medicine is the only medical school in the nation's thirteenth largest state, and is home to the state's only residency programs in a variety of medical specialties. In June 2001, the Indiana University Center for Bioethics was established with a mandate that included the development of graduate programs. Moreover, health care is the largest employer in the state. The existence of a doctoral minor with a focus in bioethics would help meet the need for ethically informed health care providers and policy-makers, who are confronted by such complex issues as genetic engineering, stem cell research, and the allocation of health care resources.

Relation to Existing Programs

The doctoral minor will run concurrently with the bioethics concentration of the MA program that is already being offered by the Philosophy Department. It will share its resources and faculty. In fact, this is not so much a proposal for a brand-new program as it is a proposal to make the existing program reach additional groups of students. The aim is to serve the needs of these students, a desirable result of which is that the graduate courses currently offered in bioethics will be ensured a steady and sufficient enrollment.

New Resources Required

No new resources are required.

Proposed Date of Initiation

Spring 2014.

Program Director

Chad Carmichael, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Completion Requirements

To complete the Ph.D. Minor in Bioethics students are required to take twelve (12) credit hours offered by the IUPUI Philosophy Department. All courses must be at the 500-level or higher and be completed with a grade B or higher. Students are required to take P540 and P547, both of which are currently offered every academic year. In addition, students should take six (6) credit hours in concentration specific courses. (See course listing below for course details.)

Course Listing

All courses listed below are already being offered as part of the department's M.A. program. No new courses are required for the Ph.D. minor, and no new courses are being proposed. All courses are offered at the IUPUI campus and none are offered in a distance-learning format.

Required Courses

PHIL P540 Contemporary Ethical Theories (3 cr.)

In-depth treatment of classical and contemporary normative and meta-ethical theories, such as consequentialism, deontology, and non-cognitivism.

[This course requirement may be waived if the student passed, with a 'B' or higher, P326: Ethical Theory or an equivalent course at another institution. If waived, the student will select an additional concentration-specific elective.]

PHIL P547 Foundations of Bioethics (3 cr.)

General introduction to Bioethics.

Concentration-Specific Electives

PHIL P549 Bioethics and Pragmatism (3 cr.)

A survey of recent contributions of American philosophy to bioethics. The course strongly focuses on a growing group of philosophers and ethicists who seek their inspiration in Dewey, James, Peirce, Royce, and Mead, while dealing with contemporary issues in medical ethics.

PHIL P555 Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research (3 cr.)

Examines ethical and policy issues in the design and conduct of transnational research involving human participants. Topics discussed include: economic and political factors; study design; the role of ethics review committees; individual and group recruitment/informed consent; end of study responsibilities; national and international guidelines.

PHIL P590 Intensive Reading (1-4 cr.)

A tutorial course involving in-depth consideration of a specific philosophical area or problem or author. May be repeated for credit. [Only with track specific content]

PHIL P600 Topics in Philosophy (3 cr.)

This course addresses some particular topic within philosophy. May be repeated for credit. [When content is track specific]

PHIL P696 Topics in Biomedical Ethics (3 cr.)

Selected topics in bioethics, such as ethical issues in pediatrics; medical enhancement; and ethical issues in genetics. May be repeated for credit.

Sample Curriculum

Fall semester

P540 Contemporary Ethical Theories (3 cr.)

P547 Foundations of Bioethics (3 cr.)

Spring semester

P555 Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research (3 cr.)

P600 Philosophy of Medicine (3 cr.)