

BIOETHICS AND MEDICAL HUMANITIES, MINOR

Program Overview

Bioethics and Medical Humanities together comprise a vibrant area of scholarship concerning the most important and cutting-edge ethical issues surrounding biomedical research and the delivery of health care today. The study of such ethical issues calls into action our most central human values and related behaviors, the exploration of which is of crucial importance for all students whether one plans to enter a career in the healthcare professions, biomedical research, law, nonprofit administration, or some other career path. The topics covered in Bioethics and Medical Humanities will help prepare students to become responsible world citizens in an increasingly complex biomedical environment.

The CWRU Minor in Bioethics and Medical Humanities formally recognizes a student's coordinated course of study comprised of courses currently offered by the Department of Bioethics and other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Bioethics and Medical Humanities Minor is designed to give students ethical, cultural and social analytic training centered around the delivery of healthcare; social and cultural contexts of health, illness and healing; and biomedical research, doing so in a highly interdisciplinary manner.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
I. REQUIRED COURSES		
BETH 210	Perspectives on Health: Introduction to Medical Humanities and Social Medicine	3
BETH 271	Bioethics: Dilemmas	3
BETH 371	Advanced Bioethics	3
II. ELECTIVE COURSES		6
Additional Courses may be added in the future to this list of electives. Each new elective course must be approved by Bioethics Department faculty director of the Minor and must have substantial bioethics or medical humanities content (greater than 75%).		
BETH 315	International Bioethics: Policy and Practice	
BETH 360	Science and Society	
BETH 371C	Advanced Bioethics: Clinical Observation	
BETH 406	Society, Religion, and Bioethics	
ENGL 217B	Writing for the Health Professions	
ENGL 330	Victorian Literature	
ENGL 386	Studies in Literature and Culture	
HSTY 152	Technology in America	
HSTY 202	Science in Western Thought II	
HSTY 243	The Age of Prozac: Social and Cultural Aspects of Depression	
HSTY 346	Guns, Germs, and Steel	
HSTY 373	Women and Medicine in the United States	
HSTY 395	History of Medicine	

PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 203	Revolutions in Science	
PHIL 204	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 305	Ethics	
Total Hours		15