

Minor in Bioethics

The Minor in Bioethics, which is administered by Lyman Briggs College, is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at Michigan State University. The minor is designed to prepare students to engage with the evolving set of ethical issues in biomedicine that they will encounter in their careers or their daily lives. The minor's interdisciplinary character fosters students' abilities to understand and question health care systems from a wide variety of intellectual viewpoints. Such interdisciplinary study also promotes communication across disciplinary boundaries.

Students wishing to pursue careers in health-related fields may find the minor particularly appealing. In addition, students pursuing academic programs outside health-related fields often find that the minor complements their major. With the approval of the department and college that administer the student's degree program, the courses that are used to satisfy the requirements for the minor may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the bachelor's degree.

Requirements for the Minor

Complete a minimum of 18 credits.

1. Both of the following courses (3 credits):

LB	240	Bioethics: Theories and Methods	2
LB	440	Bioethics Capstone	1

NOTE: LB 240 will be offered online only in the Summer and Fall semesters. LB 440 will be offered online only in the Fall and Spring semesters; however, students will need to attend talks on campus as part of the requirements for the course.

2. Complete 15 credits from at least four courses. No more than 8 credits may be from the same discipline. Students should work with the advisor for appropriate substitution requests.

ANP	270	Women and Health	3
ANP	370	Culture, Health, and Illness	3
ANP	423	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANP	425	Issues in Medical Anthropology	3
ANP	471	The Anthropology of Alternative Medicine	3
CEP	470	Disability in a Diverse Society	3

EC	498	Economics of Health Care	3
ENG	473A	Literature and Medicine	3
EPI	390	Disease in Society: Introduction to Epidemiology and Public Health	4
GEO	425	Geography of Health and Disease	3
HNF	375	Community Nutrition	3
HNF	406	Global Foods and Culture	3
HST	420	History of Sexuality since the 18 th Century	3
HST	425	American/European Health Care Since 1800	4
KIN	445	Sociocultural Analysis of Physical Activity	3
LB	304	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) and Sexuality Studies	3
LB	324A	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Science and Medicine (W)	4
LB	324B	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Science and Medicine (W)	4
LB	326A	Medicine and Health in Society (W)	4
LB	326B	Medicine and Health in Society (W)	4
LB	355	Philosophy of Technology (W)	4
PHL	344	Ethical Issues in Health Care	4
PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
PHL	444	Philosophical Issues in Biomedicine	4
PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
PHL	484	Philosophy of Biological Science	3
PHL	485	Philosophy of Social Science	3
PSY	280	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY	320	Health Psychology	3
REL	385	Religion, Health, and Healthcare	3
SOC	368	Science, Technology & Society	3
SOC	451	Dynamics of Population	3
SOC	475	Health and Society	3
SW	472	Social Work in Health Care	3

Students are required to ensure that they have completed all prerequisites for Bioethics coursework.

Contact information: Dr. Robyn Bluhm is the coordinator. Contact bhs@msu.edu with questions.

IMPORTANT: This advising guide is presented for planning purposes only. It is the student's responsibility for knowing and following University, college and departmental requirements as stated in the [Academic Programs Catalog](#).

The Academic Advisors will provide information and suggest others based on expressed interests. It is the student's responsibility for enrolling in classes and selecting the number of credits per semester for success. Appointments are made using the [Student Success Dashboard](#).