

# APPLIED PHILOSOPHY (MA)

## Master of Arts in Applied Philosophy

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>) (GA)

Department: Philosophy (<https://louisville.edu/philosophy/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): APHIMA, APHIMA HCE, APHIMA PAP

## Program Information

The Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Philosophy offers two options for graduate training in Applied Philosophy.

1. The Concentration in Health Care Ethics is designed for diverse graduate, pre-professional, and professional students to develop their skills as highly engaged citizens, leaders, and scholars. Building on six core bioethics (BETH) courses, the Health Care Ethics track offers students a significant degree of flexibility through electives in other departments and schools to deepen their personal areas of interest and broaden their expertise beyond their core knowledge base. The degree prepares graduates to bring a more educated, nuanced and thoughtful approach to their work in clinical or hospital settings, health law or policy development or academic research and teaching as well as many other overlapping possibilities.

Graduates of this concentration will possess a mastery of 1) ethical theory, 2) the application of theory to practice, and 3) the clinical case studies that guide research, policy, and legal deliberation with respect to our medical and health care practices. Graduates will be trained for positions in ethical leadership and will be "reflexively ethical" in order to establish standards that ramify throughout the organizations into which they are hired.

2. The Concentration in Practical & Applied Philosophy trains graduate, pre-professional, and professional students who have some preparation in Philosophy in the advanced use of philosophical and interdisciplinary methods to enhance their research and their career. Building on a Proseminar and four Applied Philosophy courses, students then pursue electives in their area(s) of greatest interest. Students also complete fieldwork or an internship to complement their studies and put them into practice, as well as an applied research project designed based on their interests.

Graduates of this concentration will have a deep understanding of the issues and methods of applied philosophy, and advanced skills in using critical thinking to improve systems and processes in whatever field they pursue. The degree will prepare them for continued graduate or professional training, and/or for leadership roles in their workplace.

## Soaring Scholar Accelerated BA-MA Philosophy Program

Undergraduate students interested in the program's accelerated option should visit the catalog page for the BA Philosophy (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/majors/philosophy-ba/>) for more information.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		15
Electives		15

Internship	3
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

## Admission Requirements

All applicants must submit to the Graduate Admissions Office:

- A graduate application (<https://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>) with application fee
- TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo scores, if an international student
- Two recent letters of recommendation from those familiar with the applicant's academic work or lifelong learning, which speak to applicant's ability to complete graduate level education. Discursive letters from previous professors preferred.
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal statement, which should address why you have decided to pursue a MA in Applied Philosophy. The personal statement should be between 2-4 double spaced pages (500-1000 words).
- Writing sample. The writing sample should be a substantial, polished, persuasive paper that demonstrates the applicant's ability to do high-level undergraduate research. Writing sample requirements are waived for applicants who have already been accepted into a medical fellowship or PhD program.

## Health Care Ethics Track Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
BETH 680	Foundations of Bioethics	3
BETH 681	Current Controversies in Health Care Ethics	3
BETH 682	Health and Social Justice	3
BETH 683	Race, Medicine, and Health	3
BETH 684	Clinical Ethics	3
Choose one course from the following based upon concentration:		3
PHPB 630	Social and Structural Determinants of Health	
BETH 636	Philosophy of Science	
	or LAW 980 Medicine, Bioethics and the Law	
Guided electives (choose 12 hours from the courses below):		12
ANTH 608	Social and Cultural Theory	
BETH 601	Independent Study in Bioethics	
BETH 685	Health Care Ethics Internship	
ECPY 663	Multicultural and Diversity Issues	
HIST 589/ WGST 532	History of American Sexualities - WR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
LAW 826	Family Law	
LAW 906	Race and the Law	
LAW 923	Elder Law	
LAW 924	Sexuality and the Law	
LAW 944	Poverty, Health and the Law	
LAW 946	Introductions to Health Law	
LAW 947	Mental Health and the Law	
LAW 959	Genetics and the Law	
LAW 977	Animal Law	
LAW 978	Disability Law	
LAW 980	Medicine, Bioethics and the Law	

PAS 615	Theories of Race and Racism	
PHIL/PAS 616	African-American Philosophy	
PHIL 619	Topics in Philosophy of Race and Racism	
PHIL 630	Proseminar in Applied Philosophy	
PHIL 690	Philosophical Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	
PHPB 612/ COMM 652	Health Communication: Theory and Practice	
PHPB 630	Social and Structural Determinants of Health	
PHPB 635	Health Promotion Policy Development	
POLS 668/ WGST 656	Feminist Theory	
PSYC 656	Professional and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology	
SOC 685	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 740	Social Policy	
SOC 675	Social Inequality & Stratification	
MSSW 603	Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice Practice	
Culminating Graduate Experience		
BETH 685	Health Care Ethics Internship	3
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

#### Practical and Applied Philosophy Track Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Proseminar: Choose one of the following		3
PHIL 630	Proseminar in Applied Philosophy	
PHIL 680	Foundations of Bioethics	
Applied Philosophy Electives: Choose Four of the Following		12
PHIL 518	Feminist Philosophical Literature	
PHIL 616	African-American Philosophy	
PHIL 619	Topics in Philosophy of Race and Racism	
PHIL 621	Ethical Theory	
PHIL 629	Philosophy of Emotions	
PHIL 631	Aesthetics	
PHIL 658	Mind and Brain: Introduction to Cognitive Science	
PHIL 638	Critical Social Theory	
PHIL 659	Philosophy of Technology	
PHIL 681	Current Controversies in Health Care Ethics	
PHIL 682	Health and Social Justice	
PHIL 683	Race, Medicine, and Health	
PHIL 684	Clinical Ethics	
PHIL 690	Philosophical Foundations of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	
Topical Electives		12
Applied Philosophy Fieldwork		3
PHIL 602	Independent Study	
Culminating Graduate Experience: Choose one of the Following		3
PHIL 685	Health Care Ethics Internship	
PHIL 691	Capstone in Diversity Literacy	
PHIL 695	Thesis Guidance	
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>33</b>