

BHA-Ethics, History, & Public Policy

Fall 2024

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Ethics, History, & Public Policy

81 units (minimum)

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The BHA concentration in Ethics, History, & Public Policy (EHPP) prepares students to be leaders in a vital goal of colleges and universities in every democratic society. The intellectual challenges facing public and private sector leaders have expanded dramatically since the pioneering EHPP program began in 1996, but the need remains as great as ever for broadly educated, ethically sensitive, and technically skilled leaders.

EHPP prepares students to demonstrate sophistication and flexibility in their command of interdisciplinary knowledge; deep historical understanding of how modern-day policy problems have emerged and evolved; and clear, rational criteria for ethical and socially just decision making. The curriculum provides students with a strong humanistic foundation for developing such high-level, historically grounded, and ethically attuned leadership capacities. It also offers ample room for specialization in a wide range of policy areas in which the History and Philosophy departments have special expertise, e.g., medicine and public health, criminal justice, environment, technology, artificial intelligence (AI), gender, civil rights, immigration, and education.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Foundation Courses in History and Philosophy

(2 courses, 18 units)

Choose one of the following two courses:

79-189	Democracy and History: Thinking Beyond the Self	9
79-248	U.S. Constitution & the Presidency	9

Choose one of the following two courses:

80-130	Introduction to Ethics	9
80-330	Ethical Theory	9

Ethics and Policy Core

(3 courses, 27 units)

Choose three of the courses below:

No more than one course may be taken at the 100 level and at least one course must be taken at the 300 level or above.

80-135	Introduction to Political Philosophy	9
80-136	Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9
80-208	Critical Thinking	9
80-221	Philosophy of Social Science	9
80-234	Race, Gender, and Justice	9
80-244	Environmental Ethics	9
80-245	Medical Ethics	9
80-249	AI, Society, and Humanity	9
80-305	Game Theory	9
80-306	Decision Theory	9
80-324	Philosophy of Economics	9
80-330	Ethical Theory	9
80-335	Social and Political Philosophy	9
80-336	Philosophy of Law	9
80-348	Health, Human Rights, and International Development	9
80-447	Global Justice	9

History and Policy Core

(3 courses, 27 units)

Choose three of the courses below:

79-175	Moneyball Nation: Data in American Life	9
79-204	American Environmental History	9
79-212	Jim Crow America	9
79-215	Environmental Justice from Conservation to Climate Change	9
79-234	Technology and Society	9
79-242	African American History: Reconstruction to the Present	9
79-248	U.S. Constitution & the Presidency	9
79-250	Voting Rights: An Introduction	9

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79-278	How (Not) to Change the World	9
79-300	History of American Public Policy	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-321	Documenting Human Rights	9
79-330	Medicine and Society: Health, Healers, and Hospitals	9
79-343	Education, Democracy, and Civil Rights	9
79-360	Crime, Policing, and the Law: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	9
79-370	Technology in the United States	9
79-380	Hostile Environments: The Politics of Pollution in Global Perspective	9

Foundation Courses in Law and Social Science

(1 course, 9 units minimum)

Choose one of the courses below:

17-200	Ethics and Policy Issues in Computing	9
19-101	Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy	12
70-332	Business, Society and Ethics	9
73-102	Principles of Microeconomics	9
73-103	Principles of Macroeconomics	9
84-104	Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-110	Foundations of Political Economy	9
84-352	Representation and Voting Rights	9
84-393	Legislative Decision Making: US Congress	9
84-402	Judicial Politics and Behavior	9
88-281	Topics in Law: 1st Amendment	9
88-284	Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights	9