Ethics & Leadership in Health Care

Bridging Disciplines Programs allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate that integrates area requirements, electives, courses for your major, internships, and research experiences.

In the interest of educating thoughtful and responsible leaders, the Ethics & Leadership in Health Care BDP brings together resources from across campus to allow students to study ethical issues in health care policy, administration and delivery, and in medical, nursing, and other health professions. Courses explore the ethical and legal implications of controversial topics such as abortion, euthanasia, palliative care, scientific research with human subjects, technological innovation, and access to health care. Through the Connecting Experiences component of the BDP, you may work with community and professional organizations or bring your interdisciplinary expertise to faculty research.

The Ethics & Leadership in Health Care BDP is overseen by a panel of faculty members from across campus. Members include Minette Drumwright (Advertising), Ethan Burris (Management), Joe Cutbirth (Communication Studies), Rasha Diab (Rhetoric and Writing), John Dzienkowski (Law), Michael Findley (Government), Diane Ginsburg (Pharmacy), Linda Golden (Marketing), John Luk (Medical Education), Robert Prentice (Information, Risk, and Operations Management), Lawrence (Larry) Schooler (Communication Studies), Scott Stroud (Communication Studies), Sean Theriault (Government), and Paul Woodruff (Philosophy).

The Bridging Disciplines Programs offer interdisciplinary certificates in the following areas:

- Children & Society
- Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies
- Design Strategies
- Digital Arts & Media
- Environment & Sustainability
- Ethics & Leadership in Business
- Ethics & Leadership in Health Care
- Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government
- Human Rights & Social Justice
- Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship
- Museum Studies
- Patients, Practitioners & Cultures of Care
- Public Policy
- Smart Cities
- Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits
- Social Inequality, Health & Policy
- N 321: Ethics of Health Care
- PHL 304: Contemporary Moral Problems
- PHL 318: Introduction to Ethics
- PHL 325K: Ethical Theories
- RS 306C: Comparative Religious Ethics

Foundation Courses (4-7 Credit Hours)

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies and concepts related to Ethics & Leadership in Business. Choose ONE course from the “Forum Seminar” category, and ONE or TWO courses from the “Other Foundation Courses” category. If you choose to complete two courses from the “Other Foundation Courses” category, you will complete only 6 credit hours each of Strand Courses and Connecting Experiences.

I. Forum Seminar

BDP 101: Intro to Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies
BDP 101: Patients/Prac/Cul of Care
BDP 101: Professional Ethics: Law, Business, and Medicine

II. Other Foundation Courses:

BDP 329: Race/Medicine in American Life
CLD 301: Intro to Comm & Leadership
CLD 320: Facilitative Leadership
CLD 321: Seminar Comm/Leadership
CMS 322E: Communication Ethics
HDO 365: Bias

Connecting Experiences (6-9 Credit Hours)

Your BDP advisor can help you find internships and research opportunities that connect Ethics & Leadership in Health Care to your major. We call these opportunities “Connecting Experiences” because they play such an important role in integrating your studies. Each Connecting Experience counts for 3 credit hours. You will need to complete at least two Connecting Experiences.

For more information and for examples of past connecting experiences, visit www.ugs.utexas.edu/bdp or email us at bdp@austin.utexas.edu.

Strand Courses (6-9 Credit Hours)

In addition to your Foundation Courses and Connecting Experiences, you must complete 6-9 credit hours of strand courses, to bring your total credit hours toward the BDP certificate to 19 hours. You should work with your BDP advisor to choose strand courses that will focus your BDP on your specific interests, and that will provide you with an interdisciplinary perspective on your BDP topic. In order to create an interdisciplinary experience, you must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Individual course listings for these categories are located on the opposite side of this page.

Integration Essay

In order to complete your BDP certificate, write a 3-4 page integration essay in which you reflect on what you learned and accomplished through your BDP experience. This essay is your opportunity to draw connections among your interdisciplinary BDP coursework, your Connecting Experiences, and your major. For additional guidelines, please consult your BDP advisor.
Complete 6-9 credit hours from the course options below. Please speak with your BDP advisor about your plan for fulfilling your strand course requirements. **Note that only one of your strand courses may come from your major department(s), or from courses cross-listed with your major department(s).**

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- AHC 330: Great Works in Medicine
- AMS 311S: Life And Death In American Cul
- BDP 329: Race/Medicine in American Life-E
- BME 320: Intl Perspts on BME Design-POR
- CMS 330: Interpersonal Health Comm-L
- CMS 367: Health Decision Making
- E 324L: Literature And Medicine
- ECO 325K: Health Economics
- GOV 370V: The Politics Of Health Care
- GSD 360: Glblizatn Coronavirus Pandemic
- H S 340: Cancerland
  - (Upper-division; instructor permission required)
- HS 341: Health and Justice-WB
- H S 341C: Comparative US Health Systems
- HED 378D: Healthy Horns-L*
- HED 378D: Mental Health Promotion-L
- HIS 322R: Bio, Behavior, and Injustice
- HIS 322S: Hist Of Genetics Eugenics
- HIS 366N: Global History Of Disease
- LAH 350: Soc Ineq & Health In U.S.*
- LAH 351D: Ethical Issues Med & Society*
- LEB 334M: Health Care Law And Policy
- MAN 337: Leading For Impact-L
- MAN 334M: Health Systems Management
- MAN 337: Leading for Impact
- N 321: Ethics Of Health Care-E
- O M 334M: Health Operations Management
- PBH 317: Introduction to Public Health-L
- PBH 358D: Health Policy & Health Systems
- PHL 325E: Biomedical Ethics
- PHL 325J: Health And Justice-E

*Restricted course; see course schedule for more information

**Important Notes on Fulfilling Your BDP Requirements**

- **REQUIRED ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP COURSES:** All students in the Ethics & Leadership in Health Care BDP must, in the process of completing their certificate requirements, take at least one course designated as including a substantial focus on Ethics (E) and at least one course designated as including a substantial focus on Leadership (L).

- **PREREQUISITES:** Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult your BDP advisor to determine your eligibility for enrolling in specific courses.

- **CROSS-LISTINGS:** Note that many courses on this list may be cross-listed with other departments. You may take these courses under any of the cross-listed numbers. Please consult the course schedule or your BDP advisor for cross-listing information.

- **GRADES AND GPA REQUIREMENTS:** In courses taken for a letter grade, you must obtain a grade of C- or better to meet BDP requirements. The cumulative GPA of all courses counting toward your BDP certificate must be at least 2.0.

- **PASS/FAIL:** Only one BDP course, including connecting experience courses, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.

- **SIGNATURE COURSES:** Many of the First-Year Signature Courses (UGS 302 and UGS 303) that include significant content related to Ethics & Leadership in Health Care may also count toward your certificate; please consult your BDP advisor for more information.

- **PETITIONS:** You may be able to count courses toward your BDP certificate that do not appear on this curriculum sheet, if enough of the course content relates to your BDP topic. Please consult your BDP advisor if you would like to petition for a course to count toward your BDP.