



# Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government

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 Law, Politics & Government BDP brings together resources from across campus to allow students to explore law, politics and government through the lens of leadership ethics. Topics may include leadership, civic participation, public policy, and social change. Through the Connecting Experiences component of the BDP, you may work with community and professional organizations or bring your interdisciplinary expertise to faculty research.

Upon completion of **19 credit hours** from the options listed to the right, you will earn a certificate in Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government.

The Ethics & Leadership in Business BDP is overseen by a panel of faculty members from across campus. Members include Minette Drumwright (Advertising), Madeline Maxwell (Communication Studies), Ethan Burris (Management), Gina Chen (Journalism), Joe Cutbirth (Communication Studies), Rasha Diab (Rhetoric and Writing), John Dzienkowski (Law), Michael Findley (Government), Steve Friesen (Religious Studies), Diane Ginsburg (Pharmacy), Linda Golden (Marketing), John Luk (Medical Education), Joy Penticuff (Nursing), Robert Prentice (Business, Government, and Society), Scott Stroud (Communication Studies), Sean Theriault (Government), Juliet Walker (History), Patricia Wilson (Architecture), and Paul Woodruff (Philosophy).

- The Bridging Disciplines Programs offer interdisciplinary certificates in the following areas:
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| Children & Society                  | Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government |
| Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies | Human Rights & Social Justice                     |
| Design Strategies                   | Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship         |
| Digital Arts & Media                | Museum Studies                                    |
| Environment & Sustainability        | Public Policy                                     |
| Ethics & Leadership in Business     | Social Entrepreneurship & Non-profits             |
| Ethics & Leadership in Health Care  | Social Inequality, Health & Policy                |

For more information about the Bridging Disciplines Programs, visit FAC 338, go to [www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp), or call (512) 232-7564.

## Foundation Courses (4-7 Credit Hours)

Foundation courses introduce key methodologies and concepts related to Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government. **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: Professional Ethics : Law, Business, and Medicine

### II. Other Foundation Courses

- CLD 301: Intro to Comm And Leadership-L
- CLD 321: Seminar Comm/Leadership-L
- CMS 322E: Communication Ethics-E
- CMS 338: Leadership Stories-L
- GOV 314: Competing Visns of Good Life-E
- PHL 304: Contemporary Moral Problems-E
- PHL 318: Introduction to Ethics-E
- PHL 325K: Ethical Theories-E
- R S 306C: Comparative Religious Ethics-E

## Connecting Experiences (6-9 Credit Hours)

Your BDP advisor can help you find internships and research opportunities that connect Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government 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.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp](http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp) and consult your BDP advisor.

## 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.

*Students in this certificate program must complete at least one strand course designated as focusing on social justice issues.*

## 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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*All students must take at least one of the following Social Justice courses:*

AFR 317D: MLK Jr: A Moral Obligation -L  
AFR 350N: Obama American Democracy  
AFR 372C: Black Freedom Movement -L  
AFR 374D: Black Lives Matter Mvmt -L  
AFR 374D: Freedom Summer  
AFR 374E: Frm Ferguson To The Favelas -L  
BDP 319: Human Rights And Social Justice: Theories And Practice  
GOV 312L: Poverty And Politics  
GOV 365N: Relg Ethics Human Rights  
HIS 314K: History Of Mexican Amers In US  
HIS 356P: The Us In The Civil Rights Era -E  
HIS 365G: Women/Social Movements In Us  
M E 379M: Iss in Humanitarian Engr- FRA  
MKT 372: Consumer Behav: Digital World  
S W 325: Foundations Of Social Justice -L  
S W 360K: LGBTQ Oppressn: Facilit Dialog  
S W 360K: Confronting LGBTQ Oppression  
(Must be admitted into Peers for Pride program)  
S W 360K: Social Workers In The Legal System  
S W 460K: Roots Of Socl/Econ Justice-Eng  
SOC 336C: American Dilemmas -E  
SOC 352: Social Movements -L

### **Other courses for this strand:**

AMS 315: Street Justice: Morals/The Wire  
CMS 338L: Leadership and Public Memory  
CMS 342K: Political Communication  
CMS 345G: Communicating To Government  
CMS 345N: Political Narratives  
CMS 345P: Communication & Public Opinion  
CMS 367: Fake News  
CMS 374D: Beyond Congress/White House-DC \*  
E 360S: Literature Of Islamophobia  
ECO 321: Public Economics  
GOV 330K: The American President  
GOV 351L: Morality And Politics  
GOV 357M: Structure Of Indiv Liberties  
GOV 357M: Constitutnl Struct Of Power  
GOV 357M: Law Of Politics  
GOV 370E: Congressional Elections  
GOV 370K: Latino Politics -L  
GOV 370K: African American Politics -L  
GOV 370L: Problems in US Politics  
GOV 370P: Policy Making Process \*  
GOV 379S: Complex Emergen Human Act  
HIS 317L: The Black Power Movement  
HIS 357C: African Amer History To 1860  
INF 350E: Information Ethics -E  
INF 350G: Trust And Transparency -E  
J 308D: Data, Privacy, And You  
MAN 337: Leading For Impact -L  
MAS 362: Mexican Amer Policy Stds Smnr  
P A 325: Introduction To Public Policy: Race/Im/  
Citizen  
PHL 347: Philosophy Of Law -E  
RHE 330D: Arguing With Liberals  
SOC 325L: Sociology Of Criminal Justice  
SOC 336P: Social Psychology And The Law  
\* Archer Program

### **Important Notes on Fulfilling Your BDP Requirements**

- **REQUIRED ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP COURSES:** All students in the Ethics & Leadership in Law, Politics & Government 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 Law, Politics & Government 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.