

BIOETHICS MINOR (M)

This 21-credit undergraduate minor in Bioethics offers undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in discussion and examination of the ethical questions that arise in biology and health care. Topics are examined from theoretical as well as practical perspectives through the analysis of specific cases and issues from a variety of disciplines such as medicine, law, theology, philosophy, political science, and psychology. A minor in Bioethics is a perfect complement to many majors and career paths:

- Pre-medicine
- Nursing
- Rehabilitation sciences
- Exercise physiology
- Athletic training
- Theology
- Philosophy
- Social work
- Pre-pharmacy
- Business
- Pre-law
- Education

Concordia University Wisconsin is a unique institution in the Concordia University System because we have a large population of health care students who would especially benefit from a minor in Bioethics. Students with a minor in Bioethics would be qualified to serve on hospital ethics committees, institutional review boards, and other ethics committees. This added qualification would make any student an attractive hire for the health care field, the private sector, and governmental agencies. This program accepts 6 credits of elective courses, allowing students to tailor their own programs to their specific needs and interests.

Minor Program Goals

- Foster students' sensitivity to the moral dimensions of science, health care delivery, and research.
- Develop a deep appreciation for confessional, Lutheran approaches to life issues.
- Provide students with the knowledge and methods to analyze ethical issues in biology and health care.
- Enable students to make the best possible decisions when faced with dilemmas involving bioethics.
- Promote student involvement in bioethical dialog at the local, state, and national levels.
- Model an attitude of respect for all points of view.
- Enable students to be leaders in the church as it attempts to address troubling ethical issues involving biology and health care.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
CCE 120	Western Thought & Worldview	
REL 201	Old Testament (Bible Content)	
REL 204	Biblical Theology (Christian Doctrine)	
Recommended Liberal Arts Dimensions Courses		

PHIL 250	Moral Philosophy	
Any REL course with a number above 204		
Required Minor Courses		
PHIL 221	Human Dignity	3
PHIL 350	Bioethical Dilemmas in Contemporary Society	3
POLS 285	American Politics and Health Care Policy	3
REL 203	New Testament ¹	3
REL 287	Christian Care Giving	3
Minor Electives		
Select two of the following: ²		6
PHIL 240	Environmental Ethics	
PHIL 309	History and Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 325	Christian Apologetics	
PHIL 334	Christ and Culture	
PHIL 460	Research Ethics	
REL 376	Christian Ethics	
PSY 315	Social Psychology	
SCI 275	Cosmogony	
SW 375	Understanding Death and Dying	
SW 392	Aging and the Social Environment	
Total Hours		21

¹ To complete the pair with REL 201 Old Testament in the core.

² At least one elective must carry an REL or PHIL prefix.