GOT ETHICS?
Why minor in ethics?

• First, it’s a big value-add to your degree.

• The study of ethics at UO will give you a vocabulary for grappling with important social, organizational and justice-related issues that will be part of future careers in:
  – Medicine (for Pre-Med and Pre-Nursing majors)
  – Sciences (BIO, CHEM, BIOCHEM, PHYS, CIS majors)
  – Law (for students taking pre-law)
  – Communications (SOJC students)
  – Business, Consulting, and Finance (B School)
  – Environmental fields, both science & policy (ENVS)
  – And... just about every other field you can think of!
Why minor in ethics?

• As a degree value-add, the Ethics Minor helps you **distinguish yourself to future employers** and internships so that will stand out from hundreds of other applicants with a B.A./B.S. in your field.

• Show employers that you know how to think about the big picture and have the imagination (and vocabulary) to tackle the broader issues faced by people in your field.
Why minor in ethics?

• A second reason to consider an ethics minor is as a path to **personal enrichment**!

• Learn to better understand the ethical dilemmas and political debates central to your life.

• Avoid being a jerk by accident – learn how to be good... naturally!

*The unexamined life is not worth living.*
Ethics as Part of Your Program of Study

• The Ethics Minor was designed to be a curricular complement to existing majors in a wide range of fields by enriching those majors with an added dimension.

• And so the Ethics Minor was also designed to seamlessly fit in with students’ busy schedules and programs of study toward their major.
Simple Structure

1. Take one ‘Core Ethics’ course (two options)

5. Take five more ethics-related courses (from a menu of 25+ possible courses... plus additional electives)

6. You need just six courses total and you’re done!
(1) Core Ethics Requirement

• Choose one of two core courses:
  – PHIL 102: Intro to Ethics (taught every Wtr as a lecture and most Fall and Spring as a small class)
  – PHIL 323: Advanced Moral Theory (taught at least once per year)
(5) Ethics Electives Courses

• Choose five more courses (three must be 300-level or 400-level) from this list:

  • PHIL 102- Introduction to Ethics
  • PHIL 120- Business Ethics (Ethics of Enterprise and Exchange)
  • PHIL 123- Internet Ethics (Internet, Society, and Philosophy)
  • PHIL 130- Philosophy & Pop Culture
  • PHIL 170- Philosophy of Love & Sex
  • PHIL 216- Philosophy and Cultural Diversity
  • PHIL 307- Social/Political Philosophy I
  • PHIL 308- Social/Political Philosophy II
  • PHIL 309- Global Justice
  • PHIL 315- Intro to Feminist Philosophy
  • PHIL 323- Advanced Moral Theory
  • PHIL 330- Philosophy of Disaster
  • PHIL 335- Medical Ethics
  • PHIL 340- Environmental Philosophy
  • PHIL 342- Latin American Philosophy
  • PHIL 343- Critical Theory
  • PHIL 344- Philosophy of Law
  • ENVS 345- Environmental Ethics
  • PHIL 443- Feminist Philosophy
  • PHIL 451- Native American Philosophy
  • PHIL 452- Philosophy of Race
  • PHIL 4xx- Clinical Ethics (internship course; new course coming 15-16)
  • PHIL 4xx- Technology Ethics (new course coming online 15-16)
  • Plus… (even more choices... see next...)
(5) Ethics Electives Courses

- In addition to all those just listed...

- You can also fulfill the ethics electives req. with a number of ‘Topics’ courses taught by the Philosophy Department every term (i.e., those that concern moral & ethical topics).

- And one of your five ethics electives can be an ethics course taught in another department (a list of pre-approved courses for this is posted on the Ethics Minor webpage).
Other Philosophical Pursuits...

• In addition to the new Minor in Ethics, you might also consider...
  – the Minor in Philosophy (on top of your major)
  – the Major in Philosophy (or be a double major!)

• All three of the Philosophy Department’s courses of study will give you tools that help students:
  – achieve highest avg. scores on the LSAT (law school entrance exam) & high scores on GREs and MCATs
  – learn to be better critical thinkers, better synthesizers of complex information & arguments, and more engaged and informed democratic citizens in a diverse society.
For more information...

- Go to the UO Philosophy Dept. website and navigate to the following pages:  
  → ‘Undergraduate’ → ‘Ethics Minor’

- http://philosophy.uoregon.edu/undergraduate/ethics-minor-requirements/

- Email the current Ethics Minor Director  
  (ethicsminor@uoregon.edu)