

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL

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COLLEGE (check one):	Arts and Sciences	X	Business	Education
Proposal Submitted By: Jason Hayob-Matzke			Date Prepared: 11/25/18	
Department /Program:	Classics, Philosophy, & Religion / Practical Ethics Minor			

1. *Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted. If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, "Change_Course_Credits" proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted.*

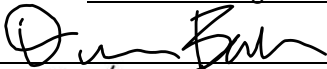
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM (check no than one of the following).	
Revise requirements for existing major	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for an existing degree program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for existing certificate program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for existing minor	X
Implementation Date: FALL semester, year:	

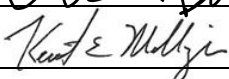
PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION (check no more that one of the following)	
New concentration within existing major	Name:
New minor	Name:
New Major but NOT a new degree*	Name:
<small>*Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be grouped as part of the "Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and Sciences" degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199)</small>	
Implementation Date (semester and year):	

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR ALL PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM CHANGE OR FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:

2. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
3. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.) *If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, "Change_Course_Credits" proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted.*
4. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)
5. **Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.**

Department Chair Approval*: Craig Vasey Date: 11/26/2018

CCC Chair Approval:  Date: 1/21/2019

Dean Approval:  Date: 1/24/2019

*COB and COE proposals approved by the Associate Dean.

BEFORE consideration by the UCC, the proposal must be approved the three levels noted above. Approval by the UCC, UFC, and Provost** are noted on the proposal "status history" at the UCC web site.

***Provost approval is required in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, new majors that do not involve a new degree, or program changes involving changes to credit hours of courses in the program's requirements.*

6. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)

Proposed change for minor: add several courses to the Group II list.

As the program director for the Practical Ethics Minor, I periodically review both student requests for course substitutions and UMW course offerings to see if any changes should be made to the official list of courses that would satisfy the minor requirements. We wish to make no changes to the minor's core ethics requirements ("Group I" courses), but do want to add a few courses to the more interdisciplinary branch of the minor (the "Group II" courses). Courses in the second group are generally not explicitly about ethics, but rather add to a student's knowledge and understanding of ethics. For example, a student interested in environmental ethics would likely take—in addition to PHIL 335 Environmental Ethics—a class such as HIST 322: U.S. Environmental History.

Although there are many courses at UMW that could work nicely to round out a student's Practical Ethics minor in the way just noted, providing a few more explicitly listed options in the Group II menu will cut down on the number of requests for substitutions I need to make to the Registrar's Office.

The courses we wish to add to the minor's "Group II" list:

- ANTH 211 Anthropology of Race
- ANTH 212 Anthropology of Gender
- BIOL 428 Conservation Biology
- EESC 326 Pollution Prevention Planning
- EESC 330 Environmental Regulations
- EESC 355 Icehouse-Greenhouse Earth
- HIST 322 U.S. Environmental History
- PHIL 325 Philosophy of Law II
- RELG 298 Ethics of Religion and Violence
- SOCG 404 Global Inequality and Development
- WGST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies
- WGST 102 Perspectives in Sexuality

7. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.) **If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, "Change_Course_Credits" proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted.**

Although adding a course to the list might increase the number of student interested in taking the course, there are good reasons for thinking that the number will be insignificant. First, since the list is reasonably long, no single course would likely be sought out by those in this minor. Second, since the list includes courses in a wide array of disciplines, students are likely to opt for those courses in their chosen major (up to two courses are allowed to overlap between a major and minor), which spreads out student interest even more. Finally, since there would be now so many courses listed as options, no faculty would need to feel any pressure to force-add students to a full section to help a student finish the minor.

8. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

Requirements for the Practical Ethics Minor

Eighteen (18) credit hours to include a minimum of three courses from the philosophical ethics offerings (Group I), and three additional courses from the remainder of Group I and/or from Group II. At least three of the total courses must be at the 300-400 level.

Students who do research or other work for credit in ethics in any major or field of study – e.g., through URES, independent study, or internship – may use those credits for the minor with approval by the director of the Practical Ethics Minor. Students are strongly encouraged to seek service learning and guided research opportunities, both for credit and non-credit, through the Center for Honor, Leadership, and Service.

Group I: PHIL 160, 225, 226, 330, 335, 430.

Three additional courses taken either from Group I above or from Group II below.

Group II: ANTH **211**, **212**, 365; **BIOL 428**, BUAD 464; CPSC 302; EDUC 303, 387, 420; EESC 230, **326**, **330**, **355**; GEOG 331, 332, 337, 338, 339; HISP 208; **HIST 322**; PHIL 100, 210, 220, 320, **325**; RELG 231, **298**; SOCG 315, 334, 335, 354, **404**; **WGST 101**, **102**.

[Proposed additions are in bold]

9. Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.

I've cut and pasted email conversations below. For brevity, I include only the replies and any relevant follow-up to my initial email, pasting the entirety of my initial email only with the first entry. I've organized these alphabetically by subject, as they are found also above.

ANTH 211 Anthropology of Race
ANTH 212 Anthropology of Gender

Jason –

SOAN supports the addition of these 3 courses to the Practical Ethics Minor. Just so you know, SOCG 404 is not offered frequently – but when it is, we would welcome Practical Ethics minors.

Best,

Leslie

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From: Jason Matzke (jmatzke)
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Leslie Martin (lmartin)
Subject: Request to add ANTH 211 & 212, and SOCG 404 to the Practical Ethics Minor

Dear Leslie Martin:

We would like to add **ANTH 211 and 212, and SOCG 404** to the list of options for the Practical Ethics Minor. The minor requires three courses from “Group I,” which is a short list of courses explicitly in philosophical ethics (e.g., Medical Ethics, Ethical Theory, and Environmental Ethics), and three courses from either “Group II” or the remaining courses in Group I. Group II is meant to allow students to take ethics-related courses in other disciplines, including their major. These courses generally do not focus on ethics, but rather give students greater depth and background to better understand issues in ethics. For example, a student interested in environmental issues might pick PHIL 330: Environmental Ethics from Group I and one or two of the options from Earth and Environmental Sciences in Group II. It is to Group II that we would like to add your courses.

The number of students taking your courses to satisfy the minor’s requirements would likely be low, and in fact, probably unnoticeable. If this proposal for additions is approved, Group II would include more than thirty courses from around the University, minimizing pressure on any one course. There is no evidence that the courses already on the list have faced enrollment pressures due to being part of the minor. Further, we expect that students will continue, where possible, to pick courses that also count in their major, which would mean that they would likely be taking such a course whether or not they were completing this minor.

The Curriculum Committee requires evidence that you support our proposal and have no concerns regarding your departmental resources. If you agree that your courses would be a good fit for the minor and have no objections or concerns, please respond to this email noting your support. We will submit the email exchange with the curriculum application. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposal further, please contact me at jmatzke@umw.edu. We would be delighted to have your courses as part of this minor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jason Hayob-Matzke
Professor of Philosophy
Program Director for the Practical Ethics Minor

BIOL 428 Conservation Biology

Dear Jason:

The Biology Department supports this change, adding Biol 428 as a Group II elective to the Practical Ethics Minor.

Lynn O. Lewis, PhD

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Lynn Lewis

EESC 326 Pollution Prevention Planning
EESC 330 Environmental Regulations
EESC 355 Icehouse-Greenhouse Earth

Yes, that is fine with me. But I would suggest including EESC 326 Pollution Prevention in addition to or instead of EESC 330. I teach both of those courses, and we approach the ethics of things much more in 326.

Dr. Melanie Szulczewski
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From: Jodie Hayob (jhayob)
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Melanie Szulczewski (mszulcze)
Subject: FW: Request to add EESC 330 and 355 to the Practical Ethics Minor

Do you approve (since you are the Director for our Minor)? It's fine with me!

Jodie L. Hayob-Matzke
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Wednesdays 1:15-1:45 pm (Monroe Hall 3rd floor "lobby")

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Fridays 1:15-1:45 pm (Monroe Hall Room 320)

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Dept. website: <http://cas.umw.edu/ees/>

HIST 322 U.S. Environmental History

Jason –

The Department of History and American Studies thinks that adding HIST 322 to the list of options for the Practical Ethics Minor is a logical and appropriate step, and it totally supports making this addition.

Sincerely,

Claudine Ferrell

Chair, History/American Studies

PHIL 325 Philosophy of Law II RELG 298 Ethics of Religion and Violence

These are from my own department. Craig's signature as chair to this document should indicate his approval.

SOCG 404 Global Inequality and Development

See Leslie's email pasted above with the ANTH courses.

WGST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies WGST 102 Perspectives in Sexuality

Hi, Jason,

I agree that WGST 101 (Introduction to Women's Studies) would be a good addition to the Minor in Practical Ethics. As you know, we are not a department, and our program relies on staffing resources from other departments with dedicate faculty lines across campus: their good will, faculty interest, and their own staffing ability to accommodate interdisciplinary curricula.

That said, the pressure on WGST 101 is already high. Based on your analysis I do not expect the PE minor to affect that pressure; in fact, the fact that students request its inclusion is evidence that they take the course because they *want* to and so there is much overlap in student interest in thinking about Practical Ethics and Women's and Gender issues of societal inclusion.

In addition, I would support WGST 102 (Intro to Perspectives in Sexualities) being included in the minor. We also have enrollment pressure on this course, but--again--I do not expect this will be affected much. Indeed, it is a staffing issue already in play.

In sum, I and the WGST advisory board and instructors of these courses support inclusion of WGST101 and 102 in the Practical Ethics Minor. Thank you for recognizing the importance of women's, gender, and sexuality issues for UMW students and for a liberal arts curriculum, and let me know if I can be of further support.

All best,
Kristin

Kristin Marsh, Ph.D.

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From: Jason Matzke (jmatzke)

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 7:00 PM

To: Kristin Marsh (kmarsh)

Subject: Request to add WGST 101 to the Practical Ethics Minor