

ETHICAL AND EVALUATIVE THINKING

Ethical and Evaluative Thinking (FD-EET) is one of the six Foundational Disciplines that are part of the WCAS bachelor's degree.

All human cultures have produced systems of thought and belief concerning ways of being in the world and relating to one another. Courses in this foundational area equip students to engage these systems and wrestle with central human questions. Courses explicitly consider questions concerning values or teach students to think within, appreciate the resources of, and critically reflect upon a particular tradition of thought. Completing this foundational area will help students recognize and reflect on ethical and evaluative questions, become aware of what standards they bring to bear in answering them, appreciate and respect their own and other cultural systems, and work through disagreements with others.

Learning Objectives for FD-EET

Course in Ethics and Evaluative Thinking are designed to foster the intellectual autonomy students will need to thrive as thinkers and agents in an increasingly complex world, by achieving a combination of the following learning outcomes:

- Attain the conceptual tools needed to recognize and understand prescriptive issues, questions, and claims, and to distinguish them from descriptive issues, questions and claims
- Identify the values presupposed by an outlook or discourse
- Recognize the complexity of many ethical issues and consider a variety of alternative resolutions and the reasons for holding them
- Appreciate the insights available in one or more intellectual or cultural traditions
- Reflect upon one's own answers to evaluative questions, the presuppositions informing them, and the reasons for supporting them
- Engage in respectful, rigorous and constructive dialogue concerning evaluative issues and communicate thoughtfully and clearly about them

FD-EET Courses

Courses approved for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Course	Title
ANTHRO 232-0	Myth and Symbolism
ASIAN_LC 373-0	Religious and Textual Traditions in South Asia
CLASSICS 370-0	Greek and Roman Religion
COMP_LIT 207-0	Introduction to Critical Theory
COMP_SCI 260-0	Introduction to Law and Digital Technologies
ENGLISH 220-0	The Bible as Literature
ENGLISH 288-0	Topics in Literature and Ethics
ENGLISH 388-0	Studies in Literature and Ethics
FRENCH 277-0	French Existentialism
GBL_HLTH 302-0	Global Bioethics
GBL_HLTH 324-0	Volunteerism and the Ethics of Help
GBL_HLTH 328-0	Human Circulations and Human Values: Global Mobilities of People and Products
GERMAN 232-0	The Theme of Faust Through the Ages
GERMAN 234-1	Jews and Germans: An Intercultural History I

GERMAN 236-0	Kafka and Nietzsche
GERMAN 272-0	Luther and the West
GNDR_ST 233-0	Gender, Politics, and Philosophy
GNDR_ST 260-0	Critical Fat Studies
GNDR_ST 374-0	Gender, Sexuality, and Digital Technologies
HDC 262-0	Life 101: Literature and Psychology
HISTORY 253-0	A Global History of Prisons and Camps
HISTORY 261-0	Sex after Shakespeare
HISTORY 351-0	Europe in the Age of Total War
HISTORY 352-0	A Global History of Death and Dying
HUM 212-0	Humanities in the World III
HUM 325-5	Humanities in the Digital Age
HUM 370-5	Special Topics in the Humanities
ISEN 230-0	Climate Change and Sustainability: Ethical Dimensions
ISEN 375-0	Issues in Environmental Philosophy
JWSH_ST 220-0	Introduction to Hebrew Bible
JWSH_ST 230-0	Introduction to Judaism
JWSH_ST 339-0	Topics in Judaism
LEGAL_ST 308-0	Sociology of Law
LEGAL_ST 309-0	Political Theories of the Rule of Law
LEGAL_ST 345-0	Policing Protest
LEGAL_ST 350-0	Psychology and the Law
MENA 290-5	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies
MENA 390-5	Advanced Topics in Middle East & North African Studies
PHIL 110-0	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 210-1	History of Philosophy - Ancient
PHIL 210-3	History of Philosophy - Early Modern
PHIL 216-0	Introduction to Pragmatism
PHIL 219-0	Introduction to Existentialism
PHIL 220-0	Introduction to Critical Theory
PHIL 221-0	Gender, Politics, & Philosophy
PHIL 222-0	Introduction to Africana Philosophy
PHIL 224-0	Philosophy, Race, and Racism
PHIL 240-0	Freedom and Responsibility
PHIL 254-0	Introduction to Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
PHIL 255-0	Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 260-0	Introduction to Moral Philosophy
PHIL 261-0	Introduction to Political Philosophy
PHIL 262-0	Ethical Problems and Public Issues
PHIL 266-0	Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 268-0	Ethics and the Environment
PHIL 269-0	Bioethics
PHIL 273-1	The Brady Scholars Program: The Moral Life
PHIL 273-2	The Brady Scholars Program: The Good Life
PHIL 273-3	The Brady Scholars Program: The Good Society
PHIL 275-0	Climate Change and Sustainability: Ethical Dimensions
PHIL 326-0	Topics in Philosophy of Medicine
PHIL 364-0	Business and Professional Ethics
PHIL 375-0	Issues in Environmental Philosophy
POLI_SCI 301-0	Ancient Political Theory
POLI_SCI 303-0	Modernity and Its Discontents
POLI_SCI 304-0	Human Rights Between East and West
POLI_SCI 305-0	Integrity and the Politics of Corruption

POLI_SCI 307-0	Deportation Law and Politics
POLI_SCI 309-0	Political Theories of the Rule of Law
POLI_SCI 347-0	Ethics in International Relations
POLI_SCI 382-0	Religion, Law, & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity
PSYCH 249-0	Buddhist Psychology
PSYCH 340-0	Psychology and Law
RELIGION 170-0	Introduction to the Study of Religion
RELIGION 172-0	Introduction to Religion, Media, and Culture
RELIGION 200-0	Introduction to Hinduism
RELIGION 210-0	Introduction to Buddhism
RELIGION 220-0	Introduction to Hebrew Bible
RELIGION 221-0	Introduction to the New Testament
RELIGION 230-0	Introduction to Judaism
RELIGION 240-0	Introduction to Christianity
RELIGION 250-0	Introduction to Islam
RELIGION 261-0	Topics in Religion, Nature, and Ecology
RELIGION 270-0	Introduction to Theology
RELIGION 271-0	Theology of Love
RELIGION 272-0	Luther and the West
RELIGION 308-0	Indian Philosophy
RELIGION 309-0	Topics in Hinduism
RELIGION 312-0	Buddhism and Gender
RELIGION 314-0	Buddhism in the Contemporary World
RELIGION 316-0	Religion and the Body in China
RELIGION 318-0	Topics in East Asian Religions
RELIGION 319-0	Topics in Buddhism
RELIGION 329-0	Topics in the Bible
RELIGION 339-0	Topics in Judaism
RELIGION 345-0	Idea of Sainthood in Christianity
RELIGION 349-0	Topics in Christianity
RELIGION 351-0	Islamic Law
RELIGION 354-0	Sufism
RELIGION 359-0	Topics in Islam
RELIGION 360-0	Black Religions
RELIGION 369-0	Topics in American Religion
RELIGION 371-0	Religion, TV, and Film
RELIGION 373-0	Religion and Bioethics
RELIGION 374-0	Contemporary Religious Thought
RELIGION 376-0	Christianity and the Making of Modernity
RELIGION 377-0	Christian Thought in Global Perspective
RELIGION 379-0	Topics in Comparative Religion
RELIGION 382-0	Religion, Law, & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity
RELIGION 395-0	Theories of Religion
SLAVIC 262-0	Life 101: Literature and Psychology
SOCIOL 318-0	Sociology of Law
SPANISH 349-0	Critical Thought in Latin Amer