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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	**DATE**	July 18, 2011
FROM	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	**PAGES**	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application (SCUP 11-33)		

At its July 6, 2011 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application within the Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application within the Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective ~~Spring~~ 2012.
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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	**DATE**	June 3, 2011
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair	**PAGES**	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 11-33c)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of June 2, 2011, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application in the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.

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FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MEMO

TO: Jo Hinchliffe, Secretary
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Paul Budra, Chair
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee

RE: Full Program Proposal: Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application

DATE: May 24, 2011

On May 19, 2011, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee approved the attached full program proposal for a Certificate in Speech Science. The Notice of Intent was approved by SCUP on April 6, 2011.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of SCUS.
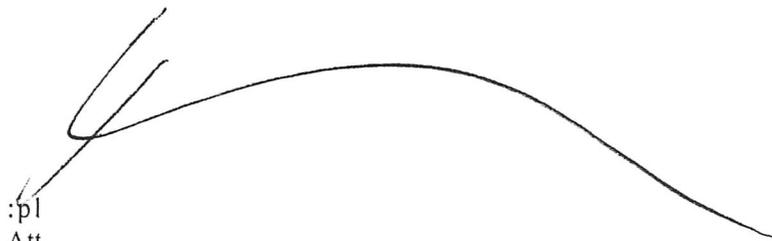
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Full Program Proposal

Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application

Department of Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Simon Fraser University

April, 2011

Executive Summary

A new Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application is proposed as an initiative by the Department of Philosophy to be administered by that Department.

The intent of this proposal is to bring together the expertise from the Department of Philosophy with a wider variety of undergraduate degree programs. This allows for a specialized education by combining the knowledge and skills acquired in the Department of Philosophy with other undergraduate programs offered at Simon Fraser University.

The proposed program addresses the following university goal as stated in the President's Agenda 2005-2009 (Michael Stevenson, June 2005)

> " we must continue to increase the diversification of our programmes, increasing the number of professional and quasi-professional programmes, as well as creating new interdisciplinary specializations."

In his Academic Vision Plan, Vice President Academic Jon Driver repeatedly emphasizes the importance of enabling students "to become ethical, responsible and informed citizens." This Certificate program is designed to give students a grounding in ethical theory, which they can then apply to their major field of study by pursuing one of the prescribed streams. This foundation will provide students with the ethical literacy to substantively engage with many of the issues facing contemporary society.

Based upon existing courses, this Certificate can be mounted immediately with no new resources from the Department of Philosophy.

The Certificate will be directed by an undergraduate Coordinating Committee in the Department of Philosophy.

Recipients of this Certificate will be well-positioned to compete for positions in the job market, graduates school, or professional programs.

Background

The Department of Philosophy believes that the analytical skills and experience offered by a philosophy education is of practical value to everyone regardless of their chosen career or endeavor. Many SFU students routinely supplement their degrees in other disciplines by pursuing a philosophy minor or selected philosophy courses. The Certificate in Ethics will provide students with a focused program that combines courses from other disciplines with the relevant background in Philosophy.

1. Credential to be Awarded
Students will be awarded a Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application.

2. Location of Program
The Certificate in Ethics will be located in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Courses will primarily be offered through the Burnaby campus.

3. Department Offering Program
The core courses for the Certificate will be offered by the Department of Philosophy within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The elective courses of the various streams in the Certificate will draw on courses outside of Philosophy, including those from the Faculties of: Arts and Social Science, Business Administration, Environment, and Health Science. The Certificate is primarily intended as a way for students pursuing a non-philosophy degree program to add a concentration in ethics to their studies. The streams are designed so that students from the target audiences need only draw on courses from their own degree program to complete the electives. Philosophy courses already have approximately 50% non-majors in them, so access to the core courses will not be a problem.

4. Anticipated Start Date
The Certificate is anticipated to be available starting Spring 2012.

5. Program Description
5.1. Aims, Goals, and Objectives
The aim of the program is to promote students' ethical literacy and their understanding of the normative issues in a specific aspect of society, such as Law, Business and Economics, Global Justice, the Environment, or Health.

5.2. Anticipated contribution to the mandate and strategic plan of the institution
In his Academic Vision Plan, Vice President Academic Jon Driver repeatedly emphasizes the importance of enabling students "to become ethical, responsible and informed citizens." This Certificate clearly fits within this objective.

5.3. Target audience
Interest in ethics and ethical literacy, including theory, is no longer limited to students of Philosophy. The target audience for this Certificate is primarily students pursuing a non-philosophy degree who wish to add a concentration in ethics to their studies, including students from the Faculties of Environment and Health Sciences, as well as students majoring in Criminology, Geography, or Political Science. The streams are designed so that students from the target audiences need only draw on courses from their own degree program to complete the electives.

5.4. Content and summary of requirement for graduation
Prospective students must apply to Simon Fraser University for admission and must meet the normal admission requirements or meet the requirements for admission under either the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy or other Special Categories.

The Certificate requires a minimum of 18 credit hours from a list of designated courses (see below for list). Some pre-requisites will be required for some courses. Certificate courses will be drawn from existing courses in the Department of Philosophy, and the Faculties of: Arts and Social Science, Business Administration, Health Science, Environment, Science.

5.5 Delivery methods
Courses will primarily be offered at the Burnaby campus.

5.6 Linkages between learning outcomes and curriculum design
 The Certificate provides a structured set of courses that allows students to increase their ethical literacy in a way that supplements their current area of study. It will equip students with the tools needed to approach ethical issues in a deliberative and informed

manner. The core courses ensure a solid theoretical foundation while the elective courses allow student the flexibility to make the Certificate maximally beneficial to students' specific goals.   No work experience or work placement is required for completion of the Certificate.

5.7 Distinctive characteristics
The certificate will attract students from across the university. There are currently no Certificates at SFU that focus on theoretical and applied ethics.

5.8 Anticipated completion time
Certificate completion is possible in two semesters but additional terms may be advisable given students' other commitments. For current students, it is expected that the requirements can be satisfied as part of a normal 4-year Bachelor's degree. The Department of Philosophy will advertise the Certificate and will encourage students to declare in a timely way.

5.9 Enrollment plan for the length of the program
Required courses are offered at least once per year. Elective courses are offered at a minimum of once per two years, typically at least once per year.

5.10 Policies on student evaluation
Students will be evaluated according to the general regulations for Simon Fraser University.

5.11 Policies on faculty appointments (minimum qualifications)
All courses will typically be taught by existing regular faculty. In some instances, courses may be taught by qualified sessional instructors.

5.12 Policies on program assessment
The Certificate will be reviewed annually by the Philosophy Department's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, as well as every seven years as part of the normal cycle of external reviews.

5.13 Level of support and recognition from other post-secondary institutions
There are currently no programs of this kind in British Columbia. We anticipate the Certificate will help students compete for places in the job market or admission to higher degrees.

5.14 Evidence of student interest
Philosophy 120W: Introduction to Moral Philosophy consistently enrolls over 200 students in each major term and 100 students in the summer term; it is already included among the requirements of other programs outside of Philosophy. Our upper-level ethics courses are consistently full. A recent self-study showed that over half of the students in upper-level ethics courses are non-majors.

Discussions with local Health Authorities over the past two years have revealed significant interest from outside the university for programs that offer a solid foundation in ethical theory.

5.15 Resources
The Certificate will draw on existing courses and faculty. In the Department of Philosophy, faculty with expertise in ethics are Sam Black (Associate Professor; meta-ethics, political philosophy), Evan Tiffany (Associate Professor; moral psychology, history of ethics), and David Zimmerman (Professor; moral psychology, meta-ethics); as well, Endre Begby (University of Oslo; political philosophy) will be joining the Department in Fall 2012. Outside of Philosophy, we have consulted with: Genevieve Fuji Johnson

(PoliSci, Assistant Professor; political theory, feminist social and political thought), Jeremy Synder (FHS, Assistant Professor; biomedical ethics, political philosophy), and Mark Wexler (FBA, Professor; business ethics).

5.16 *Related Programs*
None.

6. Contact Persons
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7. Documentation used for internal approval
See appendix.

Appendix: Certificate in Ethics: Theory and Application

All students must complete a minimum of 18 units, which includes a set of three core courses in ethical theory (9-10 credits) and a set of three elective courses drawn from one of the streams listed below (9-12 credits). In certain cases, students may be able to devise their own stream in consultation with the Philosophy undergraduate chair. Students are responsible for noting the prerequisites for access to courses, and should be aware that PHIL 120W* is a prerequisite for all upper division philosophy courses in this Certificate.

an equivalent course may be substituted with departmental permission

Core Courses

Students must take both:

PHIL 320-3 Political Philosophy
PHIL 321-3 Issues in Ethical Theory

and one of the following:

PHIL 322-3 History of Ethics
PHIL 327-3/HSCI 327-3 Global Health Ethics
PHIL 328-3 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 421-4 Advanced Topics In Ethical Theory
Any 300 or 400 level PHIL special topics course in ethics[1]

Concentration in Ethics, Justice and Law
The Justice and Law stream is designed primarily for students in the School of Criminology, or who are majoring in Political Science who wish to focus their studies around issues of ethics and justice as it relates to law.

Students must take three of the following:

BUEC 427W Industrial Organization: Law and Economics
CRIM 314-3 Mental Disorder, Criminality and the Law
CRIM 331-3 Advanced Criminal Law
CRIM 333-3 Women, Law and the State
CRIM 334-3 Law and Human Reproduction
CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties
CRIM 338-3 Philosophy of Law
CRIM 429-3/FNST 429-3 Indigenous Peoples and Law
POL 324-4 The Canadian Constitution
POL 344-4 Public International Law
POL 417-4 Human Rights Theories
PSYC 376-3 Experimental Psychology and the Law
WS 334-4 Law and Human Reproduction

Concentration in Ethics, Business and Economics
This stream is intended for students in the Faculty of Business Administration or who are majoring in Economics and wish to add a concentration in ethics to their degree.

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[1] Students should consult with the Philosophy undergraduate advisor to confirm whether a given special topics course counts as an ethics course.

Students must take three of the following:

BUS 303-3 Business, Society, and Ethics
BUS 403-3 Seminar in Business and Society
BUS 432-3 International Human Resource Management
BUS 449-3 Ethical Issues in Marketing
CRIM 336-3 Corporate Crime and Corporate Regulation
ECON 342-3 International Trade
ECON 354-3 Comparative Economic Institutions
ECON 355W-3 Economic Development
ECON 392-3 Public Economics: Role of Government
WS 308-3 Women in the Economy: Paid and Unpaid Labour

Concentration in Ethics and Global Justice,
This stream is intended primarily for students in FASS or FHS who wish to focus their studies around issues of justice in an international and multicultural context.

Students must take three of the following:

CRIM 315-4 Restorative Justice
FNST 401-3 Aboriginal Rights and Government Relations
FNST 419-3 Aboriginal/Indigenous Justice
FNST 429-3 Indigenous Peoples and International Law
FNST 443-4 Aboriginal Peoples, History and the Law
HSCI 308-3 Sickness and Wealth: Health in Global Perspective
HSCI 319W-3 Applied Health Ethics
HSCI 329-3 Exploitation and Vulnerable Populations
HSCI 406-3 Global Perspectives in Indigenous Health
IS 302-4 Introduction to Humanitarian Intervention
IS 311-4 Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective
IS 407-4 Selected Topics – Terrorism
IS 410-4 Politics, Institutions and Development
IS 427-4 Selected Topics—Globalization, Poverty and Inequality
POL 312-4 Modern Political Thought
POL 344-4 Public International Law
POL 346-4 International Organizations
POL 411-4 Normative Political Theory
POL 416-4 Feminist Social and Political Thought
POL 417-4 Human Rights Theories
SA 363-4 Process of Development and Underdevelopment
SA 418-4 International Health: Global Policies and Local Realities
SA 388-4 Comparative Studies of Minority Indigenous People
SA 430-4 States, Cultures and Global Transitions
WS 308-4 Women in the Economy: Paid and Unpaid Labour
WS 314-4 Race, Class and Gender
WS 327-4 Aboriginal Women in Canada

Concentration in Ethics and the Environment
This stream is intended for students in the Faculty of Environment or students majoring in Biology or Economics who wish to add a concentration in ethics to their studies. The courses from SA and WS also opens this stream to FASS students and the broader university community.

Students must take 3 of the following:

ARCH 365-3 Ecological Archaeology
ARCH 386-3 Archaeological Resource Management

BISC 204-3 Introduction to Ecology
BISC 309-3 Conservation Biology
BISC 419-3 Wildlife Biology
BISC 440-3 Biodiversity
ECON 260-3 Environmental Economics
ECON 362-3 Economics of Natural Resources
ENV 321-3/REM 321-3 Ecological Economics
GEOG 322-4 World Resources
GEOG 325-4 Geographies of Consumption
GEOG 381-4 Political Geography
GEOG 386-4 Health Geography
GEOG 389W-4 Nature and Society
GEOG 429-4 Environment and Inequality
GEOG 440-4 Law and Geography
HSCI 304-3 Perspectives on Environmental Health
REM 311-3 Applied Ecology and Sustainable Environments
REM 356-3 Institutional Arrangements for Sustainable Environmental Management
REM 445-3 Environmental Risk Assessment
REM 471-3 Forest Ecosystem Management
SA 326-4 Ecology and Social Thought
SA 371-4 The Environment and Society
WS 313-4 Women and the Environment

Concentration in Ethics and Health
This stream is intended for students in FHS who are interested in focusing their studies around ethical issues in health, life and death.

Students must take 3 of the following:

CRIM 314-3 Mental Disorder, Criminality and the Law
GEOG 386-4 Health Geography
GERO 302-3 Health Promotion and Aging
GERO 406-4 Death and Dying
GERO 420-4 Sociology of Aging
HSCI 304-3 Perspectives on Environmental Health
HSCI 305-3 The Canadian Health System
HSCI 319W-3 Applied Health Ethics
HSCI 402-3 Substance Use and Addiction
HSCI 403-3 Health and the Built Environment
HSCI 404-3 Public Policy and Health Systems
HSCI 481-3 Senior Seminar in Social Health Science

NOTE: A minimum of C- is required in all courses applied to the certificate. An overall SFU CGPA of 2.25 must be maintained. All upper division philosophy courses must be completed at Simon Fraser University.