

APPLIED ETHICS (MAE)

MAE 601. Global History of Ethics. (6 Credits)

A study of foundational thinkers in moral theory, with a comparative global emphasis. Students intellectually span time and cultures to examine values as they apply to self and society, analyze assertions about 'right' versus 'wrong' actions, explore theories of the 'good life,' and evaluate systems and ideologies that both expand and obstruct who has access to 'wellbeing.' Course concludes with student selection and application of course thinkers to potential livelihoods.

MAE 635. Applied Ethics. (3 Credits)

Analysis of key thinkers who have focused on the responsibility of philosophy to speak to social change. Featured thinkers range from late-twentieth century founders of applied ethics to a twenty-first century applied ethicist per continent. Students partner with community leaders to apply course theories to community needs. Prerequisite: MAE 601 or instructor permission.

MAE 650. Livelihood Ethics. (3 Credits)

Examines cross-cultural discourses on the personal, existential, psychological, cultural, social, economic, geographical, ethical, and professional conditions of a prosperous livelihood. Surveys purpose-driven careers across all sectors. Assists students in developing an ethic of livelihood. Prerequisite: MAE 601 or instructor permission.

MAE 676. Social Entrepreneurship. (3 Credits)

Instills students with the skills to imagine and enact new professional ventures. Explores a range of theories on conscious capitalism, circular economy, and critiques of neo-liberalism, gentrification, and colonialism. Examines skillsets of innovators who create new pathways to create value for society, and the extent to which they address inequities in global systems. Studies five types of capital - social, intellectual, infrastructural, natural, and financial - needed to transform ethical vision into community reality. Hosts social entrepreneurs from across sectors to discuss how they generate social equity from organizational development. Prerequisite: MAE 601 or instructor permission.

MAE 685. Contemporary Ethical Issues. (3 Credits)

An examination of select topics covering the content, analytical skills, and ethical lenses necessary to understand a range of current social issues. Topics will vary from semester to semester based on faculty interest and student need. This course is repeatable, as long as the topic changes, and students must take three MAE 685 topics to complete the Master of Arts in Applied Ethics degree. Prerequisite: MAE 601 or instructor permission.

MAE 692. Independent Study. (1-6 Credits)

A detailed study in a specific area of applied ethics, emphasizing individualized philosophical approaches toward creative change agency.

MAE 694. Praxis Project. (6 Credits)

Study and application of ethical principles to community needs through a 250-hour project for a nonprofit, private business, or government agency. Prerequisite: MAE 601 Global History of Ethics

MAE 699. Internship in Applied Ethics. (1-6 Credits)