

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Northwestern University

Approved Distribution Courses - 2025-2026

Area V - Ethics and Values

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Be sure to read these important notes:

The information below pertains to students who started at Northwestern Spring 2023 or earlier. Students who started taking classes at Northwestern after Spring 2023 should refer to the Foundational Disciplines pages:

<https://weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/post-spring-2023-degree/foundational-disciplines/>

Prerequisites. Many approved distribution courses are advanced courses with one or more prerequisites. Prerequisites are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and in course descriptions available through the Registrar's webpage. Make sure you have the prerequisites for a course before you decide to enroll.

Interdisciplinary courses. Some interdisciplinary courses are approved for inclusion in more than one distribution area. ***These courses are listed in bold and italics below***, and all relevant areas are indicated in the "area(s)" column. If you take such a course, you can choose in which eligible area to count it.

When courses are offered. This list includes all courses approved for distribution credit for the indicated academic year. The Registrar's Office maintains lists of distribution courses to be offered each quarter, as well as Yearly Course Planners showing each department's planned course offerings for the year. **Some approved courses may not be offered.**

Lists of approved courses from other years:

www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/degree/distribution-requirements/approved-courses.html

Registrar's Website: www.registrar.northwestern.edu

dept/pgm	number	course title	area(s)
ANTHRO	232	Myth and Symbolism	V
ANTHRO	255	Contemporary African Worlds	V
ANTHRO	350	Anthropology of Religion	V
ANTHRO	351	Hope and Futurity	V
ANTHRO	368	<i>Latina and Latino Ethnography; with LATINO 368-0</i>	III, V
ASIAN AM	310	Contemporary Asian/Black Relations; with BLK ST 310	V
ASIAN AM	350	<i>Asian American Religions</i>	III, V
ASIAN LC	373	<i>Religious and Textual Traditions in South Asia</i>	V, VI
BLK ST	215	<i>Introduction to Black Social & Political Life</i>	III, IV, V
BLK ST	220	<i>Civil Rights and Black Liberation</i>	IV, V
BLK ST	310	Contemporary Asian/Black Relations; with ASIAN AM 310	V
BLK ST	315	<i>Religion in the Black Atlantic</i>	IV, V, VI
BLK ST	342	<i>Comparative Slavery</i>	III, IV, V
CLASSICS	210	<i>The World of Homer; with HUM 205</i>	IV, V, VI

CLASSICS	211	<i>Greek History and Culture: From Homer to Alexander the Great</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	212	<i>Rome: Culture and Empire</i>	IV,V,VI
CLASSICS	260	<i>Classical Mythology</i>	V,VI
CLASSICS	370	Greek and Roman Religion	V
COMP LIT	207	Introduction to Critical Theory; with PHIL 220	V
COMP_SCI	260	Introduction to Law and Digital Technologies	V
ENGLISH	220	<i>The Bible as Literature</i>	V,VI
ENGLISH	288	<i>Topics in Literature and Ethics</i>	V,VI
ENGLISH	388	<i>Studies in Literature and Religion</i>	V,VI
FRENCH	277	<i>French Existentialism</i>	V,VI
GERMAN	232	<i>The Theme of Faust through the Ages</i>	V,VI
GERMAN	234-1	<i>Jews & Germans: An Intercultural History</i>	IV,V,VI
GERMAN	234-2	<i>Jews & Germans: An Intercultural History</i>	IV,V,VI
GERMAN	236	<i>Kafka and Nietzsche</i>	V,VI
GERMAN	272	<i>Luther and the West; with RELIGION 272</i>	IV,V
GERMAN	337	<i>Science and Culture in Germany (German prereq.)</i>	IV,V
GBL HLTH	302	Global Bioethics	V
GBL HLTH	321	<i>War and Public Health</i>	III,V
GBL HLTH	324	Volunteerism and the Ethics of Help	V
GBL HLTH	328	Human Circulations and Human Values	V
GNDR ST	233	Gender, Politics, and Philosophy; with PHIL 221	V
GNDR ST	260	Critical Fat Studies	V
GNDR ST	374	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and Digital Technologies</i>	V, VI
HDC	262	<i>Life 101: Literature and Psychology; with SLAVIC 262</i>	V, VI
HISTORY	253	<i>A Global History of Prisons and Camps</i>	IV,V
HISTORY	261	<i>Sex after Shakespeare</i>	IV,V
HISTORY	351	<i>Europe in the Age of Total War</i>	IV,V
HISTORY	352	<i>A Global History of Death and Dying</i>	IV,V
HUM	220	<i>Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society; with SOCIO 220</i>	III,V
HUM	310-5	Global Humanites Lab	V
HUM	325-5	Humanites in the Digital Age	V
HUM	370-5	Special Topics in the Humanities	V
ISEN	230	Climate Change and Sustainability: Ethical Dimensions; with PHIL 275 (PHIL 270 prior to Fall 2024)	V
ISEN	375	Issues in Environmental Philosophy; with PHIL 375	V
JWSH ST	210	Jewish Studies: An Overview	V
JWSH ST	220	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible; with RELIGION 220	V
JWSH ST	230	Introduction to Judaism; with RELIGION 230	V
JWSH ST	280-5	Topics in Israel Studies	V
JWSH ST	339	Topics in Judaism; with RELIGION 339	V
LATINO	342	<i>Latina and Latino Social Movements</i>	III,V
LATINO	368	<i>Latina and Latino Ethnography; with ANTHRO 368-0</i>	III,V

LATINO	392	<i>Topics in Latina and Latino Social and Political Issues</i>	III, V
LEGAL ST	308	<i>Sociology of Law; with SOCIO 318</i>	III, V
LEGAL ST	309	Political Theories of the Rule of Law; taught with POLI SCI 309	V
LEGAL ST	345	Policing Protest	V
LEGAL ST	350	<i>Psychology and the Law; taught with PSYCH 340</i>	III, V
LING	221	Language and Prejudice	V
LING	222	<i>Language, Politics, and Identity; with SLAVIC 222</i>	IV, V
MENA	290-5	Introductory Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	V
MENA	390-5	Advanced Topics in Middle East and North African Studies	V
PHIL	110	Introduction to Philosophy	V
PHIL	210-1	The History of Philosophy - Ancient	V
PHIL	210-2	The History of Philosophy - Medieval	V
PHIL	210-3	The History of Philosophy - Early Modern	V
PHIL	216	Introduction to Pragmatism	V
PHIL	219	Introduction to Existentialism	V
PHIL	220	Introduction to Critical Theory; with COMP LIT 207	V
PHIL	221	Gender, Politics, and Philosophy (PHIL 230 prior to Fall 2019); with GNDR	V
PHIL	222	Introduction to Africana Philosophy	V
PHIL	224	Philosophy, Race, and Racism (PHIL 267 prior to Fall 2019)	V
PHIL	240	Freedom and Responsibility	V
PHIL	254	Introduction to Philosophy of the Natural Sciences	V
PHIL	255	Theory of Knowledge	V
PHIL	257	Philosophy of the Universe	V
PHIL	259	Introduction to Metaphysics	V
PHIL	260	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	V
PHIL	261	Introduction to Political Philosophy	V
PHIL	262	Ethical Problems and Public Issues	V
PHIL	266	Philosophy of Religion	V
PHIL	268	Ethics and the Environment	V
PHIL	269	Bioethics	V
PHIL	273-1	The Brady Scholars Program: The Moral Life	V
PHIL	273-2	The Brady Scholars Program: The Good Life	V
PHIL	273-3	The Brady Scholars Program: The Good Society	V
PHIL	275	Climate Change and Sustainability: Economic and Ethical Dimensions; with ISEN 230 (course was PHIL 270 prior to Fall 2024)	V
PHIL	326	Topics in Philosophy of Medicine	V
PHIL	363	Kant's Moral Theory	V
PHIL	364	Business and Professional Ethics	V
PHIL	375	Issues in Environmental Philosophy; with ISEN 375	V
POLISCI	201	<i>Introduction to Political Theory</i>	III, V
POLISCI	301	<i>Ancient Political Theory</i>	IV, V
POLISCI	302	<i>Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought</i>	IV, V
POLISCI	303	Modernity and Its Discontents	V

POLI SCI	304	Human Rights Between East and West	V
POLI SCI	305	Integrity and the Politics of Corruption	V
POLI SCI	307	Deportation Law and Politics	V
POLI SCI	309	Political Theories of the Rule of Law; taught with LEGAL ST 309	V
POLI SCI	347	Ethics in International Relations	V
POLI SCI	382	<i>Religion, Law & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity; with RELIGION 382</i>	III, V
PSYCH	249	<i>Buddhist Psychology</i>	III, V
PSYCH	340	<i>Psychology and Law; with LEGAL ST 350</i>	III, V
RELIGION	170	Introduction to the Study of Religion	V
RELIGION	172	Introduction to Religion, Media, and Culture	V
RELIGION	173	Religion, Medicine, and Suffering in the West	V
RELIGION	200	Introduction to Hinduism	V
RELIGION	210	Introduction to Buddhism	V
RELIGION	220	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible; with JWSH ST 220	V
RELIGION	221	Introduction to the New Testament	V
RELIGION	230	Introduction to Judaism; with JWSH ST 230	V
RELIGION	240	Introduction to Christianity	V
RELIGION	250	Introduction to Islam	V
RELIGION	261	Topics in Religion, Nature, and Ecology	V
RELIGION	264	<i>American Religious History from 1865 to the Great Depression</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	265	<i>American Religious History from World War II to the Present</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	270	Introduction to Theology	V
RELIGION	271	Theology of Love	V
RELIGION	272	<i>Luther and the West; with GERMAN 272</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	275	Mysticism and Spirituality	V
RELIGION	301	<i>Hindu Epics: the Mahābhārata</i>	V, VI
RELIGION	302	Hindu Epics: Rāmāyaṇa	V
RELIGION	308	Indian Philosophy	V
RELIGION	309	Topics in Hinduism	V
RELIGION	312	Buddhism and Gender	V
RELIGION	313	Tibetan Religion and Culture	V
RELIGION	314	Buddhism in the Contemporary World	V
RELIGION	315	<i>Buddhist Auto/biography</i>	V, VI
RELIGION	316	Religion and the Body in China	V
RELIGION	318	Topics in East Asian Religions	V
RELIGION	319	<i>Topics in Buddhism</i>	V, VI
RELIGION	329	Topics in the Bible	V
RELIGION	333	Judaism in the Modern World	V
RELIGION	339	Topics in Judaism; with JWSH ST 339	V
RELIGION	345	The Idea of Sainthood in Christianity	V
RELIGION	346	Church Architecture	V
RELIGION	349	Topics in Christianity	V

RELIGION	350	The Qur'an	V
RELIGION	351	<i>Islamic Law</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	354	Sufism	V
RELIGION	359	Topics in Islam	V
RELIGION	360	<i>Black Religions</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	363	<i>Topics in Women and Religion in America</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	369	Topics in American Religion	V
RELIGION	371	Religion, TV, and Film	V
RELIGION	373	Religion and Bioethics	V
RELIGION	374	<i>Contemporary Religious Thought</i>	V, VI
RELIGION	375	Foundations of Christian Thought	V
RELIGION	376	Christianity and the Making of Modernity	V
RELIGION	377	Christian Thought in Global Perspective	V
RELIGION	378	Death: Myth and Meaning	V
RELIGION	379	Topics in Comparative Religion	V
RELIGION	381	<i>Global Catholicism in the Contemporary World</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	382	<i>Religion, Law & Politics: Politics of Religious Diversity</i> ; with POLI_SCI 382	III, V
RELIGION	385	<i>Topics in U.S. Catholicism</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	386	<i>Topics in Latin American Catholicism</i>	IV, V
RELIGION	395	Theories of Religion	V
SLAVIC	222	<i>Language, Politics, and Identity</i> ; with LING 222	IV, V
SLAVIC	262	<i>Life 101: Literature and Psychology</i> ; with HDC 262	V, VI
SOCIOL	220	<i>Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society</i> ; with HUM 220	III, V
SOCIOL	318	<i>Sociology of Law</i> ; with LEGAL ST 308	III, V
SOCIOL	321	<i>Numbers, Identity, and Modernity</i>	III, V
SPANISH	349	Critical Thought in Latin America	V