ETHICS AND AI MINOR

Banner Code: ETAI

6200 Horizon Hall
Fairfax Campus

This minor is designed to equip students to tackle the moral complexity of AI-enabled technologies. It provides students with core competencies for thinking critically about the impact of AI in social and global contexts and allows them to apply their knowledge and skills via case studies, debates, and individual or team projects. The minor seeks to make ethical and social considerations a forethought in the design, development, deployment, and use of AI-related technologies. Given the role of AI-enabled technologies in our increasingly digital society, the minor is of relevance to all Mason students as engaged citizens and offers vital competencies to those planning for careers in such areas as computing and technology, government, public policy, health, law, education, and the media.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and 9 credits must be at the 300-level or above. Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Required Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Course		
PHIL 241	Foundations of Ethics and AI	3
Core Area 1: Computing and Technology		
Students select one from the following:		3
CS 110	Essentials of Computer Science (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (CS and Applied CS students only)	
IT 104	Introduction to Computing (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
PHIL 345	Topics in Philosophy of Technology	
PHIL 374	Philosophy of Mind	
Core Area 2: Ethics		
Students select one of the following:		3
CS 306	Synthesis of Ethics and Law for the Computing Professional (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (CS and Applied CS students only)	
PHIL 151	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	
Core Area 3: AI in Society		
Students select one of the following:		3
COMM 202	Media and Society	
COMM 431	New Media and Democracy	
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 391	Big Data, Technology, and Society	
GOVT 435	Data Analysis for Comparative and International Politics	
GOVT 460	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	
IT 304	IT in the Global Economy	
INTS 249	Digital Literacy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
INTS 348	Digital Futures	
Capstone		
PHIL 441	Ethics and AI: Practice and Projects	3
Total Credits		15