

ATTN Spring and Summer 2026 Degree Candidates: Ethics Requirement Options

Due to limited engineering ethics course offerings in Spring quarter, Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 degree candidates **ONLY** majoring in Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Computer Science & Engineering, and Materials Science Engineering can submit a petition to have one of the following courses fulfill their ethics requirement. Students should note that these courses **WILL NOT** satisfy the engineering writing requirement and should plan to enroll in a separate Writing II course to fulfill this requirement if needed.

Aerospace Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering majors should plan to enroll in ENGR 2 in Spring 2026 or Summer 2026 to fulfill the ethics requirement.

Students can follow the steps outlined on [Petition Process](#) under “Major Required Course Substitution.” Although approval for the courses below are guaranteed, students **must** submit a petition so that their DARS can be updated.*

- COMM 186 - Media, Ethics, and Digital Age: Case-Study Approach
- ENV HLT 170 - Climate Change and Public Health
- ENVIRON M133 - Environmental Sociology
- ENVIRON M169 - Race, Nature, and the City
- HIST M180B - Historical Perspectives on Gender and Science
- MCD BIO 50 - Stem Cell Biology, Politics, and Ethics: Teasing Apart Issues
- MCD BIO 60 - Biomedical Ethics
- PHILOS 4 - Philosophical Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues
- PUB AFF 10 - Social Problems and Social Change
- PUB AFF 30 - Comparative Analysis of Wealth, Policy, and Power
- SOC GEN 102 - Societal and Medical Issues in Human Genetics
- SOC GEN 108 - Human Biology, Genetics, and Society

If students are interested in taking a course that is not listed above to fulfill the ethics requirement, then an HSSEAS petition can still be submitted through the petition process listed above. A logical and academic reason must be included on the petition. Students should note that approval is **not guaranteed** and are subject to review by the Associate Dean. We therefore suggest that students submit their petitions **before** the start of Spring quarter.

***NOTE: Engineering approval does not imply guaranteed enrollment or access to an approved course. Nor does it guarantee access due to requisite or major restrictions. Students are responsible for reviewing requisites to ensure they are prepared for the course and can contact the department housing the course for questions about enrollment.**