Certificate in Ethics & Social Responsibility

The Culverhouse College of Commerce offers students an opportunity to earn a Certificate in Ethics & Social Responsibility. This certificate is an important part of the college’s ethics program (see [www.cba.ua.edu/academics/programs/ethics_program/](http://www.cba.ua.edu/academics/programs/ethics_program/)), designed to emphasize the importance of long-term ethics, character development, and social responsibility. Students earning this certificate will build their skillset in these areas and enhance their ability to communicate that these areas are priorities in their lives.

To earn a certificate, students must complete a CESR application and meet the following four requirements:

1. **Complete One (3hr) Course Dealing with Ethics or Social Responsibility Issues** – Examples of relevant for-credit courses currently offered at the University that will satisfy this requirement include MGT 341 (*Contemporary Ethical Issues in Business, C&BA*), PHL 200 (*Introduction to Ethics, A&S*), and AC 334/GBA 334 (*Introduction to Fraud Risk Management, C&BA*), and AC 534 (*Advanced Fraud & Ethics Risk Management*). Applicants wanting to substitute a different course to satisfy this requirement need to complete a Course Substitution Form, available in college’s Undergraduate Student Services (Bidgood Hall 10).

2. **Participate in One Service Learning Course OR Moral Forum** - Service learning courses and Moral Forum are coordinated by the university’s Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility. A complete list of relevant courses and information about Moral Forum are available at [www.cesr.ua.edu](http://www.cesr.ua.edu).

3. **Complete Three Approved Ethics or Social Responsibility-related Activities** - Approved ethics-related activities include (but are not limited to):
   1. attending the J. Craig Smith Business Ethics Lecture,
   2. joining an ethics-related student organization or professional association,
   3. earning NASBA’s Ethical Leadership Certification ([www.centerforpublictrust.org](http://www.centerforpublictrust.org)),
   4. participating in the Business Ethics Essay Competition.

4. **Submit of a Personal Code of Ethics** – Personal Codes of Ethics are developed in a number of courses (e.g., GBA 300, AC 432, AC 534). Contact Dr. Todd DeZoort (tdezoort@cba.ua.edu) for guidance if a Personal Code of Ethics has not been prepared within a specific course.

If you have any questions or want to substitute other ethics-related activities, please contact Dr. Todd DeZoort via e-mail at tdezoort@cba.ua.edu.

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