



Certificate in Ethics & Social Responsibility

The Culverhouse College of Commerce offers students an opportunity to earn a Certificate in Ethics & Social Responsibility as part of their professional development. This certificate is an important part of the college's Ethics program (see www.culverhouse.ua.edu/about/ethics), 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 at least one (3hr) course dealing with ethics or social responsibility issues** – Examples of relevant credit courses currently offered that will satisfy this requirement include MGT 341 (*Contemporary Ethical Issues in Business*), PHL 292 (*Introduction to Ethics, A&S*), and AC 334 & 534 (*Introduction to Fraud and Ethics Risk Management and Advanced Fraud and Ethics Risk Management*). Applicants who want to use a different course to satisfy this requirement need to complete a Course Substitution Form, available in the college's Undergraduate Student Services (Bidgood 10).
2. **Participate in one Service Learning course or Moral Forum** – The university's Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility (www.cesr.ua.edu) offers a variety of service learning courses and Moral Forums. A complete list of relevant courses and information about Moral Forum are available at www.cesr.ua.edu.
3. **Complete three approved ethics or social responsibility activities** – Approved activities include (but are not limited to):
 - a. attending the J. Craig Smith Business Ethics Lecture.
 - b. joining an ethics-related student organization or professional association (e.g., the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners).
 - c. earning NASBA's Ethical Leadership Certification (www.centerforpublictrust.org).
 - d. participating in the Business Ethics Essay Competition.
4. **Submit a Personal Code of Ethics** – Personal Codes of Ethics are developed in a number of courses in the Culverhouse College of Commerce (e.g., GBA 300, AC 432). Contact Dr. Todd DeZoort (tdezoort@cba.ua.edu) for guidance if a Personal Code of Ethics has not been completed and approved within a specific course.

Applicants also should have a clean record of conduct at the university. If you have any questions or want to submit an application, please contact Dr. Todd DeZoort (Culverhouse College of Commerce's Ethics Advisory Board Chair) at tdezoort@cba.ua.edu. Completed applications will be reviewed by the Culverhouse College of Commerce's Ethics Advisory Committee.



CERTIFICATE IN ETHICS & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY **Student Application**

Student Name _____ **CWID** _____

UG or Graduate _____ **UG Major/Grad Program** _____

Overall GPA _____

Requirements:

1. One (1) Ethics/Social Responsibility Course¹ _____
2. One (1) Service Learning Course or Moral Forum² _____
3. Three (3) Approved Ethics-related Activities³ _____

4. Personal Code of Ethics (please attach copy) _____

¹ If you want to substitute another ethics-related course, you must complete a **Course Substitution Form**, available in **Undergraduate Student Services** (10 Bidgood Hall) and have it approved and placed in your file.

² Service Learning Courses are coordinated by the **Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility**. A complete list of currently offered courses is available at <http://www.cesr.ua.edu/>. Information about Moral Forum may also be found on this website.

³ Approved activities include attending the **J. Craig Smith Business Ethics Lecture** and participating in the **Business Ethics Essay Competition** (information can be found at <http://www.cba.ua.edu/ahc>). Other activities must be approved by Dr. Todd DeZoort (tdezoort@cba.ua.edu).

****I submit this application in good faith given my interest in obtaining the Certificate in Ethics and Social Responsibility from the Culverhouse College of Commerce. I confirm that I have a clean record of conduct at the university and intend to continue building my career with a strong commitment to ethics and social responsibility.**

Student

Date

Primary Area Advisor

Date