



## **ETHICS & LEGAL STUDIES DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

The Ethics & Legal Studies Doctoral Program at Wharton focuses on the study of ethics and law in business. It is designed to prepare graduates for tenure-track careers in university teaching and research at leading business schools, and law schools.

Our curriculum crosses many disciplinary boundaries. Students take a core set of courses in the area of ethics and law in business, along with courses in an additional disciplinary concentration such as law, management, philosophy/ethical theory, finance, marketing, or accounting. Students can take courses in other Penn departments and can pursue joint degrees. Additionally, our program offers flexibility in course offerings and research topics. This reflects the interdisciplinary nature of our Department and the diversity of our doctoral student backgrounds.

Faculty and student intellectual interests include a range of topics such as:

- legal theory • normative political theory • ethical theory • firm theory • law and economics • private law theory • penal theory • constitutional law • bankruptcy
- corporate governance • corporate law • financial regulation • administrative law
- empirical legal studies • blockchain and law • antitrust law • fraud and deception
- environmental law and policy • corporate criminal law • corporate moral agency
- corruption • behavioral ethics • negotiations.

### **Application Information**

The Ethics & Legal Studies Doctoral Program at Wharton invites applications for a course of study that would begin in Fall 2021. One may apply online for the Ethics & Legal Studies Doctoral Program by going to: <http://bit.ly/lgstadmissions>. The application deadline is December 15th each year. Strong GRE or GMAT scores are required; GRE scores are preferred. The last possible test date for the GRE and GMAT is December 15th. Official results must be available by mid-January.

Students enter the program from a wide variety of disciplinary backgrounds, including undergraduate degrees in business, philosophy, pre-law, law, psychology, and sociology.

### **Course of Study**

The course of study for the Ph.D. requires the completion of sixteen graduate course units, including two core doctoral seminars as well as courses in statistics and two other core courses. Some graduate-level credit from courses at other universities may transfer to Wharton. The expected time required to complete the degree is five years. **Students receive tuition waivers, health insurance, and an annual living stipend.** Students are expected to play an active and engaged role in the department's and the University of Pennsylvania's scholarly community while pursuing their degree, and as such, they are expected to be resident in the local area as they progress through the program.

### **Academic Enrichment**

The Department regularly hosts junior and senior scholars from around the world for talks, lunches, and seminars. Doctoral students are encouraged to take full advantage of these opportunities. The *Legal Studies & Business Ethics Seminar Series* features speakers from various areas of law and business ethics. A wide range of recent topics includes Coin-Operated Capitalism, Paying People to Take Health Risks, The Curious Case of Social Enterprise Law, Assigning Blame for Corporate Wrongdoing, Reparations for Slavery, Big Data and Discrimination, and Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence. In addition, the *Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop Series* provides a regular forum for scholars working on business ethics from a normative perspective.

## **Contact & Resources**

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