

# Ethics and Public Policy in Health Care



Master of Arts in Bioethics



University of Malta  
Faculty of Theology

*More than 30 years  
teaching professional ethics  
in health care*

## About the course

- 3-year part-time evening course
- mainly taught, partly by research
- final year exclusively dedicated to dissertation

Today's rapid development in health care constantly confronts professionals with new ethical and legal challenges. Thus, health care today demands an increased bioethical competence. Due to the necessity of an interdisciplinary approach to issues of contemporary health care, the Faculty of Theology is offering a Master of Arts in Bioethics with the aim of establishing bioethics as an independent field of research and education. This programme of studies will make a significant contribution to the formation of professionals enabling them to face the contemporary bioethical challenges.

## Intended learning outcomes

This programme of studies aims:

- to increase reflection on the theoretical foundations of bioethics;
- to focus on the ethics and philosophy of health care;
- to enhance capacity-building in ethical decision-making;
- to encourage research in the area of bioethics;
- to educate professionals in health care ethics.



## Areas of Study

The programme will focus on :

- Anthropological and Methodological Issues
- Bioethics, Law and Policy
- Public Policy and Ethics at the Edges of Human Life
- Priority Setting, Justice and Resource Allocation
- Suffering, Spirituality and Palliative Care
- Research Ethics
- Emerging European Values and Policies in Bioethics
- The Best Interests of the Child: Ethical and Legal Aspects
- Neuroethics, Mental Health and Psychiatric Ethics
- Ethical issues in Genetics.

## Target audience

This programme of studies is addressed to:

- health care professionals
- administrators of health care facilities
- philosophers and theologians
- lawyers
- psychologists and social workers
- those interested in bioethics

## Exit awards

Those who opt not to continue for an MA will be awarded a:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Bioethics on successful completion of 30ECTS for taught study units (after one year of part-time study);
- Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics on successful completion of 60ECTS for taught study units (after two years of part-time study).

## Cooperating Partners

This course is being offered with the participation of a number of lecturers from:

- the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
- the Faculty of Health Sciences
- the Faculty of Laws
- other professions.



## Professional Ethics Programme

The Faculty of Theology hosts a Professional Ethics Programme - a joint initiative between the Department of Moral Theology and the Department of Philosophy.



The aims of the Programme are:

- to promote the study of professional ethics at the University and outside as an integral component of professional practice;
- to offer study-units in cooperation with Faculties, Institutes and Centres in the teaching of professional ethics at the University, including supervision of dissertations in the area of professional ethics and related areas;
- to collaborate with local and foreign centres, programmes and individuals working in professional ethics for research purposes;
- to offer ethical advisory services, including ethical assessment reports, and to raise public awareness of issues related to professional ethics.



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