



TWO YEAR, PART-TIME JOINT PROGRAMME (NFQ LEVEL 9)

# MA in Ethics

# Joint MA in Ethics

This MA in Ethics programme provides participants with knowledge, skills and competence to examine ethical issues, challenges and dilemmas in professional and public life from a wide spectrum of ethical worldviews and theories.

The programme provides participants with a grounding in the foundations of ethics, human rights and social justice.

Participants will also develop the necessary ethical analysis and decision-making skills to apply ethical perspectives and principles to real-life and professional dilemmas. As such the programme aims to 'add value' to continuing professional development.

Upon successful completion of the programme of study for this award, a graduate will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of a broad range of ethical theories and principles that are at the forefront of general and applied ethics.
- Display a critical awareness of contemporary public and professional ethical issues together with new ethical insights developed and informed by a variety of philosophical, theological, human rights, intercultural and other perspectives.
- Analyse specific ethical issues, challenges and dilemmas arising from contemporary work, professional activity and public life.

The programme equips participants with a comprehensive foundation in theoretical and applied ethics and the necessary skills to evaluate soundly and confront confidently a range of important contemporary ethical challenges.



## Modules

All course participants will take the core foundation module, Introduction to Ethics. Thereafter, course participants choose 5 other modules from the following list:

- Human Rights & Social Justice
- Bioethics
- Business Ethics
- Media Ethics
- Environmental Ethics: Perspectives & Challenges
- Theological & Religious Perspectives on Ethics
- Comparative Religious Ethics

Course participants will complete a Research Module, which includes a series of seminars on research methodologies and a minor thesis on an ethical issue or question either of a general public concern or of professional relevance.

## Scheduling

The MA in Ethics is a two-year, part-time, programme which takes place both in MDI and DCU.

Topics include:				
Ethical Decision-Making	Ethical Principles, Theories & Frameworks	Human Dignity & Human Rights	Universal Declaration Of Human Rights	Culture & Human Rights
Global Responsibility & International Business	Corporate Governance	Rights Of The Child: Global & National Perspectives	Bioethical & Health Care Ethical Issues	Ethical Issues at the End Of Life
Equality, Justice & Equity	Genetic Engineering	Research Ethics Issues	Whistleblowing: Justification, Procedures & Protection	Social Justice
Organisational Ethics	Corporate Social Responsibility/ Citizenship	Global Ethics	Leadership & Accountability	Codes Of Ethics & Professional Conduct
Ethics In Contemporary Mass Media	Environmental Responsibility	Reproductive Technologies & Stem Cell Research	Ethics & Religion	Comparison In Religious Ethics

## Who is this MA for?

The programme is designed for graduates and professionals working in the areas of :

- Education and Teaching
- Management
- Health Care
- Medical Practice
- Chaplaincy
- Business
- Finance
- Banking
- Law
- Human Resources
- Social Work
- Other Care Services

It will be of particular relevance for those whose work involves participation in ethics committees and activities relating to corporate social responsibility/citizenship, regulations or human rights. At the same time, other graduates without professional experience will benefit from the knowledge provided in this programme and develop important ethical decision-making skills.



## Awards Available

The MA in Ethics is awarded by Dublin City University (Level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications). Participants who do not wish to complete an entire **MA** may exit the programme with a **Graduate Diploma** in Ethics (after successfully completing 60 credits of taught modules) or with a **Graduate Certificate** in Ethics (after successfully completing 30 credits of taught modules).

## Entry Requirements

The general criteria for entry to this taught postgraduate programme is that applicants normally hold an honours primary degree and/or a professional qualification with significant work experience.

## Cost

The part-time fee for the academic year 2010/11 (Year 1) is €3,200 and will increase modestly in the subsequent year.

## How do I apply?

To apply for this programme, please contact:

Admissions Office, Mater Dei Institute of Education, Clonliffe Rd., Dublin 3.

Web: [www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)

Email: [admissions@materdei.dcu.ie](mailto:admissions@materdei.dcu.ie)

Ph: (01) 808 6518

Apply early to secure a place on the programme. The **closing date** for applications is August 15th 2010.

For further information about the programme, please contact: Alan Kearns at [alan.kearns@materdei.dcu.ie](mailto:alan.kearns@materdei.dcu.ie), (01) 808 65 29 or Bert Gordijn (Director of the Institute of Ethics) at [bert.gordijn@dcu.ie](mailto:bert.gordijn@dcu.ie), (01) 700 61 40