



MA in Ethics

Joint Programme (NFQ Level 9)

Joint MA in Ethics

2 Years part-time

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

Entry Requirements

The usual 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.

Who is this MA programme for?

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

- Banking
- Philosophy
- Humanities
- Care Services
- Science
- Law
- Education/Training
- Teaching
- Media
- Healthcare
- Voluntary/Charity Work
- Human Resources
- Business
- Religious Studies
- IT
- Chaplaincy
- Social Work
- Management
- Finance
- Theology
- Medical Practice

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.

Scheduling

The MA in Ethics is a two-year, part-time, programme. The programme commences in September 2015.



Graduate Voice

Mark Farrell

MA in Ethics Graduate 2013

"I found the MA in Ethics to be a hugely rewarding and enjoyable experience. It provides a sound basis in ethical theory and the individual modules allowed me to view a range of issues from new perspectives. By interacting with my fellow students and well-informed lecturers, I found myself questioning my own opinions and opening my mind to alternative viewpoints and approaches. This has helped me to tackle work-related issues in a more open and comprehensive manner, and to gain a greater understanding of some of the challenges that we face as individuals and as a community."



Modules

All course participants will take the core foundation module. Introduction to Ethics. Thereafter, course participants choose 5 other modules (10 credits each) from the following list:

- Global Bioethics
- Business Ethics
- Comparative Religious Ethics
- Environmental Ethics Through Film & Media Studies
- Ethics, Law & Politics
- Human Rights & Social Justice
- Media Ethics
- Readings in Ethics
- Theological & Religious Perspectives on Ethics

For full list of module descriptors/learning outcomes, please visit www.materdei.ie/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.

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** (after successfully completing 60 credits of taught modules) or with a **Graduate Certificate** (after successfully completing 30 credits of taught modules).

Fees

For 2015 entry fees please visit www.materdei.ie/ethics.

Topics Include:

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

Programme Video



Dr Regina McQuillan
MA in Ethics Graduate 2011



View video about the programme featuring Dr Regina McQuillan. Scan this QR code to view programme video or visit: www.materdei.ie/ethics



MDI

Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI) is a College of Dublin City University. MDI specialises in teacher education, theology, religious studies, Irish studies, humanities, philosophy and ethics. MDI seeks to develop graduates a capacity for creative thought, critical openness and rigorous intellectual inquiry.

DCU Institute of Ethics

The Institute of Ethics was established in 2008 to play a leading role in raising public awareness of, and stimulating debate about, ethical issues. The Institute is concerned with ethical decision-making across a wide range of disciplines, including business, technology, politics, media, healthcare, life-sciences and education and seeks to contribute to national and international debates of concern to the public.

Graduate Voice

Anna O'Dwyer

MA in Ethics Graduate 2013

"I wished to return to the world of academia after a break of over twenty years. I opted for the MA in Ethics as it offered a combination of theoretical and practical approaches to the study of ethics. Ethics is a fascinating subject and ethical reflection has become an important part of everyday life. The course offers the opportunity to study the principles and theories of ethics and their application in both professional and public life. I thoroughly enjoyed the course. It is rigorous, challenging and engaging. The standard of lecturing is exceptionally high and the interaction with like-minded peers was an important part of the learning process."

How do I apply?

Application forms are available on:
www.materdei.ie/ethics.

Alternatively, please contact:
Postgraduate Admissions Office
Mater Dei Institute of Education
Clonliffe Road
Dublin 3
P: (01) 808 6518
E: mdi.admissions@dcu.ie

Apply early to secure a place on the programme.
For application closing dates please visit
www.materdei.ie/ethics

Want to find out more?

If you want to find out more about the programme, please contact MDI Postgraduate Admission Office (01 808 6518, mdi.admissions@dcu.ie).

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The DCU Incorporation Programme

Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI), St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra (SPD), and the Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) are planning to become part of DCU from 2016. In 2016, classes for students in year two of a part-time programme, will take place on the St. Patrick's campus and/or the Glasnevin campus. Please visit www.dcuincorporation.ie for more information.

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