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About the course structure

Course code
A6002

Duration
This program is 1-2 years full time and 2-4 years part time. Students with relevant qualifications or prior learning may be eligible for credit towards the degree and can complete the course in 1 year or 1.5 years full time equivalent.

Example of subject offerings

**AT5296**
Advanced professional writing

**AT5297**
The human body and the international marketplace

**AT5390**
Bioethics, public policy and the law

**AT5590**
Clinical ethics

**AT5717**
Human research ethics

**AT5729**
Disability advocacy

**AT5730**
Public policy development

**AT5731**
Clinical ethics and research ethics within hospitals and health care facilities

**AT5856**
Research project

**APG5044**
Professional internship

**APG5051**
Special topics in bioethics

**APG5089**
Ethics

**MGF5991**
Professional development: Career dynamics

**APG5094**
Questions of life and death

**APG5167**
Human research ethics

**APG5729**
Clinical ethics

**APG5730**
Bioethics, public policy and the law

**APG5732**
Ethical issues in professional life

**APG5800**
Bioethics and the body

**APG5801**
Public health ethics

*Note: there is an option to complete a Research thesis as part of the course.

For a full list of subjects visit:

future.arts.monash.edu/master-bioethics/

Course strengths

A key strength of the Master of Bioethics is its development in graduates of a deeper understanding of ethical frameworks and their applications to real-world issues in health care practice and related fields.

Industry relevance

Many students in the Master of Bioethics course are already engaged in health care professions, policy development, biomedical research, and the pharmaceutical industry. The Master of Bioethics course also features an internship subject, which provides students with an opportunity to gain experience working on a substantive project, or series of projects, during internships with industry partners involved in bioethics. A range of such projects and/or industry partners are made available to students to choose from.

Industry integration

The Master of Bioethics course develops skills in translational bioethics, providing students with training which is directly relevant to health care practice and policy. The course is committed to high levels of industry engagement.

Internships

Master of Bioethics students who have completed at least one semester of the course are eligible to apply for an annual fellowship of $8000 to work during the Australian summer as an intern in the Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade, and Human Rights at the World Health Organisation in Geneva.

Monash-WHO Fellowship

The Centre for Human Bioethics has a longstanding—and growing—collaborative research relationship with the World Health Organization (WMO). As of July 2014, the Centre for Human Bioethics has been designated as a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Bioethics, one of just 6 such centres worldwide.

Career outcomes

- Clinical ethics and research ethics within hospitals and health care facilities
- Public policy development
- State guardianship boards
- Disability advocacy
- Tertiary teaching of ethics within health care profession

Excellence in teaching

Students in the Master of Bioethics have the opportunity to be taught by staff with strong national and international reputations for their research and teaching in bioethics, and who are active and prominent contributors to public debate and professional discussions about a variety of issues in bioethics.

Dr. Ryan Tonkens

Ryan is Lecturer in Human Bioethics, and the course coordinator for the Master of Bioethics. Ryan’s current research interests lie at the intersection of applied ethics and advances in technology, especially biotechnology (e.g. the ethics of human prenatal genetic alteration), reproductive technologies (e.g. the ethics of embryo abandonment), and artificial intelligence (e.g. the ethics of robotic warfare).

Professor Michael J. Selgelid

Director of the Centre for Human Bioethics. Michael’s research focus is on public health ethics with an emphasis on ethical issues associated with biotechnology and infectious disease.

Associate Professor Justin Oakley

Deputy Director of the Centre for Human Bioethics. Justin has published articles in international journals on the ethics of clinical trials, reproductive cloning, informed consent and surrogate motherhood.

Associate Professor Catherine Mills

Catherine joined the Centre at the beginning of 2012 and her research field concentrates on issues in reproductive ethics.

Professor Julian Savulescu

Qualified in medicine, bioethics and analytic philosophy. Director of the Oxford Centre for Neuroethics, and Director of the Program on the Ethics of the New Biotechnologies. Julian is the Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professor at Monash University.

Campus location

The Master of Bioethics is taught online and at our Clayton campus. Clayton is the largest of our six campuses. Caulfield is only 15 minutes from Monash’s CBD via train. Our campuses offer a rich array of sporting, cultural and educational events and modern facilities.

What makes Monash one of the world’s leading universities?

According to the Times Higher Education rankings 2013-2014
- Ranked in the top 1% of universities globally
- Among the top 50 universities in the world for Arts and Humanities
- Regarded as a world-class research institution by independent organisations such as the Australian Research Council

International opportunities

Monash University has many affiliated international networks. You may wish to participate in an International student exchange semester at one of our partner universities.

Studying overseas is easy with the Monash Abroad travel scholarship. Travelling while studying is a valuable opportunity to advance skills and develop amazing international connections. To find out more visit:

www.monash.edu/studyabroad

International industry engagement

Bioethics has a significant role to play in ensuring that public health policy promotes justice and human rights. This Monash University Centre for Human Bioethics is now an officially designated World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Bioethics. The centre’s international partners include University of Toronto, Columbia University, University of Miami, University of Zurich, and National University of Singapore.
Postgraduate tuition fees

Postgraduate courses attract fees for both domestic and international students. A different fee is charged to domestic and international students. Fees quoted are subject to change and are indicative only. Details of course fees can be viewed at: monash.edu/fees

Eligibility

Domestic students
Australian citizen, Australian PR, Australian permanent humanitarian visa, NZ citizen

A 60% average in a Bachelor's degree or Graduate Diploma or a qualification/experience the faculty considers equivalent.

International students
A 60% average in a Bachelor's degree or Graduate Diploma or a qualification/experience the faculty considers equivalent. The English language requirements must also be met.

English language requirements
ELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in reading, listening, writing and speaking
TOEFL 90 with a TWE of 21 in writing, 13 in listening and 16 in speaking

Can I receive credit for previous study?

You may be eligible to receive up to 48 credit points for previous honours or graduate level study in the areas of social sciences/humanities or up to 24 credit points for previous undergraduate study in the areas of social sciences/humanities or honours studies in an unrelated area. Applications for credit are assessed on a case by case basis. Students must have completed within ten years prior to the year of application for credit.

How to apply

Apply online at: monash.edu/admissions

Application Dates

Applications for Semester 1 (March) – 30 November
Applications for Semester 2 (July) – 30 June

Scholarship opportunities

A variety of scholarships and bursaries are available for prospective and continuing coursework postgraduate students. The number of scholarship and bursary offers made in any one year varies. Scholarships are available from Monash University, the Australian Government and other organisations. Prospective students should learn all the scholarships on offer to see what they could be eligible for.

For more info on domestic scholarships visit: monash.edu.au/study/scholarships

International students
Monash International Leadership Scholarship: 100% course remission for high-achieving international coursework students. Selection is based on academic achievements, application statement and the student’s potential to be a Monash University ambassador.

For more info visit: monash.edu/new-scholarships

Monash International Merit Scholarship: AUS10,000 paid over 4 years for high-achieving international coursework students. More info: monash.edu/new-scholarships

Australia Awards

The Australia Awards are an initiative of the Australian Government to promote knowledge, education links and enduring ties between Australia and our neighbours through Australia’s overseas scholarship programs. Monash University offers a range of courses suited to the development needs of the Australia Awards and its scholarship holders.

For more info visit: monash.edu/australia-awards

Why Study a Master of Bioethics?

Over the past several decades, there has been increasing community concern about ethics in science, especially in the health sciences and the biological sciences. The Master of Bioethics is a response to that concern, and will enable those taking it to deepen their understanding of ethical issues in health care and the biological sciences.

International students

Monash International Merit Scholarship: AUS10,000 paid over 4 years for high-achieving international coursework students. More info: monash.edu/new-scholarships

Monash University ambassador.

Contact

Future student enquiries

Domestic students

Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens

1800 Monash (866 274)
monash.edu/study/contact

International students

Australia freecall: 1800 181 838
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Directory

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This course is particularly well-suited to health care professionals and scientists who face complex ethical issues in their working lives, it will also be valuable for those involved in the formulation of public policy and law regarding these issues, as well as for anyone who simply wishes to explore issues of public concern in greater depth. The course is designed in ways to suit students with little or no prior background in ethics or philosophy, but it is also suitable for philosophy graduates with an interest in further study of bioethics.

The course provides a structured program of units in ethical theory, applied ethics, healthcare ethics, research ethics, and related policy issues.

As part of our outreach activities, the Centre for Human Bioethics also seeks to provide leadership on bioethics research and education in the Asia-Pacific region. The Master of Bioethics course, which is available both on-campus mode and by distance education, is an integral part of those outreach activities.