



Clayton, Online

Combine flexible study options to best suit your requirements, and study from anywhere in the world.



1 to 2 years full-time
2 to 4 years part-time

Students with relevant qualifications may be eligible for credit to complete the course in 1 to 1.5 years full-time.



February and July

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 the health care profession

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Monash World Health Organization Fellowship in Geneva

Monash Master of Bioethics students can apply for an annual fellowship to work as an intern in the Global Health Ethics Unit at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.



DID YOU KNOW?

Flexible online study available

The Master of Bioethics is available either entirely on-campus, entirely online, or as a combination of both study modes. This provides you with the flexibility to fit study around your work or life commitments and also ensures that you can access the program from anywhere in the world.

MASTER OF BIOETHICS

Revolutionary developments in biological and health sciences and technology are increasingly raising crucial ethical questions. The Master of Bioethics prepares students with the ability to provide well-informed analysis of these issues that are relevant to both individuals and society as a whole.

The program is especially designed for health professionals, scientists and those involved in public policy. Bioethics is something that Monash is famous for – and the Master of Bioethics is widely acknowledged to be one of the world's most innovative and highly-respected programs. You'll have the opportunity to learn from expert staff with international reputations for teaching and research in bioethics. Genuine leaders in the field, our academics are active and prominent contributors to public debate and their industry insights will help you to navigate your own career path.

About the Monash Bioethics Centre

The Master of Bioethics is offered by the Monash Bioethics Centre, which was established by Professor Peter Singer in 1980 as Australia's first research centre devoted to bioethics. The centre is renowned as a world leader in research, industry engagement and education offerings. In 2014 it was designated as a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Bioethics, of which there are only a handful worldwide.

Industry connections

Our connections with industry at an international and local level include a wide variety of organisations such as Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), The Alfred hospital (Melbourne), International Association of Bioethics, and Virtues Across the Continents Network.

Who is the program suited to?

The course attracts students from a wide range of backgrounds and professions. Knowledge of ethics or philosophy isn't essential and the course can be tailored to suit your specific industry and career focus. It's particularly well-suited to the following groups:

- health care professionals, doctors and scientists who face complex ethical issues in their working lives
- those involved in the formulation of public policy
- legal professionals aiming to develop or refine specialised knowledge
- journalists, media commentators and public policy advocates
- philosophy graduates with an interest in further study of bioethics
- anyone interested in bioethical issues of public concern.

How will the course help advance your career?

A key strength of our program is its provision of a solid philosophical grounding, which is crucial to doing bioethics well. This means you'll develop stronger analytical skills, be able to think through issues more clearly, and be confident that your decisions and views regarding ethical issues are well-informed.

The Master of Bioethics will help you to develop a deeper understanding of ethical frameworks and their application to real-world issues. You'll also gain familiarity with newly-emerging controversies surrounding the latest developments in science and technology – and with current policies and practices in clinical and research ethics.

You'll be taught by staff who are internationally renowned for their bioethics research and teaching, and who are active and prominent contributors to public debate on a wide variety of issues in bioethics.

Internships

The WHO Fellowship

Each year, our master's students can apply for a fellowship with the Global Health Ethics Unit at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This is a unique opportunity to be part of the important work done by the WHO at an international level.

Internships with the WHO or other organisations may also be possible via the Monash Arts WIL (Work Integrated Learning) team.

Where can the course take you?

Master of Bioethics graduates go on to influence policy development and ethical practices at a wide range of influential organisations such as leading teaching hospitals, professional associations, governmental bodies and NGOs.



Further information:

monash.edu/study/course/A6002

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Associate Professor Justin Oakley Program Director, Deputy Director, Monash Bioethics Centre

Associate Professor Oakley is a globally respected academic authority in bioethics. In addition to publishing two books, *Morality and the Emotions* and *Virtue Ethics and Professional Roles*, he has published articles in international journals on topics including the ethics of clinical trials, informed consent, surrogate motherhood, surgeon report cards, whistle blowing and reproductive cloning.

In addition to conducting world-leading research, he serves as the co-editor of the quarterly refereed journal *Monash Bioethics Review*.

HEAR FROM OUR GRADUATES

Josh Hatherley Master of Bioethics (2018)

"We need to find a better balance between innovation and assessing risks associated with new technologies and implementing necessary safeguards.

"We need more research into these issues, because otherwise we as a society aren't going to be equipped for their future implications. Without this, we're sleepwalking into the technological future."



Read Josh's story:
monash.edu/study/course/A6002

1-YEAR

Entry with **honours degree**
in a **related field***

Complete **core units** in:

- Ethics
- Human research ethics



Your choice of discipline elective
(1-2 units up to 12-credit points)



One capstone unit from:

- Professional internship
- Research project
- Special topics in bioethics

1.5-YEAR

Entry with a **previous qualification**
in a **related field***

Complete **all** 1-year units



Your choice of additional discipline
electives (2-4 units up to 24-credit points)

2-YEAR

Entry with a **previous qualification**
in **any field***

Complete **all** 1-year units



Complete **all** 1.5-year units



Your choice of additional electives
(2-4 units up to 24-credit points)

ELECTIVE UNITS

Pursue your personal interests and career aspirations by taking advantage of the range of elective units available to you, some including:

- Bioethics and the body
- Public health ethics
- Questions of life and death
- Language for professional purposes (parts 1, 2 and 3)
- Clinical ethics
- Bioethics, public policy, and the law

Full details on course structure and unit offerings can be found online in the Monash handbook, handbook.monash.edu/2020/courses/A6002

RESEARCH PATHWAY

High achieving students interested in pursuing a graduate research degree, such as a PhD (Arts), may apply to complete 24 points of research thesis units.

*or equivalent qualification or experience approved by the faculty



The great thing about bioethics is that it's interesting, it's important and it's relevant. We cover traditional topics in bioethics, and we also address very contemporary issues, like emerging technologies including genetic technologies and biotechnology."

PROFESSOR MICHAEL SELGELID

Director, Human Bioethics



Hear Professor Selgelid reveal why you should choose to study bioethics at Monash Arts by scanning the code or visiting youtu.be/zKSzyMEEbNw