



2 Year Part-time

1 Evening per Week*

Starts September 2011



accountability

social responsibility

professional conduct

JOINT PROGRAMME (NFQ LEVEL 9)

MA in Ethics

frameworks

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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.

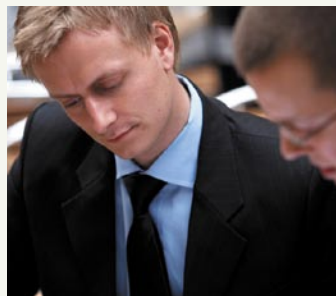
The programme provides participants with a grounding in the foundations of ethics, human rights and social justice.

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.



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
- 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.

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. The programme commences in September 2011. *Classes take place on Tuesday evenings and on 2-3 Saturdays in the first year.

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

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

For 2011 entry fees please visit www.materdei.ie

How do I apply?

Application forms are available on www.materdei.ie

Alternatively, applications forms are available by contacting:
 Admissions Office
 Mater Dei Institute of Education
 Clonliffe Road
 Dublin 3
 Telephone: (01) 808 6518 Email: admissions@materdei.dcu.ie

Apply early to secure a place on the programme.
 The closing date for applications is 31st May 2011.

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www.dcu.ie/institute_ethics

About the Programme

The MA in Ethics is jointly coordinated by MDI and DCU Institute of Ethics. The MA was established as a response to the ongoing demand for knowledge, skills and competence in ethical analysis, decision-making and application. Lectures are driven by a creative and active integration between theory and practice, which is facilitated by collaborative group learning, classroom discussion, debate and analysis of various case scenarios. The programme is interdisciplinary, drawing on the expertise of lecturers from MDI, the Institute of Ethics and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at DCU.

MDI

Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI) is a College of Dublin City University. MDI specializes in teacher education, theology, religious studies, Irish studies, humanities, philosophy and ethics. MDI seeks to develop in 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.

Want to find out more?

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