



Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics



Concept

Health care professionals and others professionally interested in medical ethics find themselves increasingly confronted with moral questions and dilemmas. Such complex issues challenge the people who have to deal with them every day. They require careful study and well-considered judgement, as well as rigorous questioning and thorough debate. Nowadays ethics education has become part of the curriculum of most European Health care training programmes. However, until now a concentrated grouping of such initiatives was lacking. That now has changed with the Master of Bioethics. Three European universities (K.U.Leuven, R.U. Nijmegen, University of Padova) have combined their efforts in the field of bioethics by developing a master's programme that focuses on all issues currently relevant to bioethics. The masters programme has been designed to offer an advanced education into health care ethics, thereby specifically paying attention to international bioethics with a special attention to European philosophical as well as theological traditions in this area.

Programme

The Master of Bioethics consists of 60 ECTS credits. The courses are spread over the three participating universities. In October, November and December the students will be in Leuven (Belgium), in January, February and March the students will be in Nijmegen (The Netherlands), in April, May and June the students will be in Padova (Italy). A major part of the programme for the student is linked to research activities. At the end of the programme participants are expected to write a publishable paper on their topic of research and to present the results of their research to their colleagues.

Admission

In order to gain admission to the Master of Bioethics, candidates must have completed a Master degree (Medicine, Economics, Law, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, Dentistry, Philosophy, Theology, Psychology, Sociology, or any other Master degree). Students should have a good command of English, both spoken and written. Applicants are required to demonstrate their proficiency in English, either by proving that some of their previous studies were successfully completed in English, or by submitting the results of a recognized language proficiency test (e.g. TOEFL / IELTS) indicating a C-1 level on the Common European Framework of the Council of Europe (www.culture2.coe.int/portfolio). Further information about language requirements is available on our webpages at www.kuleuven.be/english/admission/language.htm

The admission policy is intended to ensure equal opportunity of access to higher education for qualified European and non – European students. The programme will assess students individually on the basis of their previous academic record, their experience in the field of health care and a letter of motivation. Some students may be asked for a (telephone) interview.

Combining work and studies

The Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics will be offered as one year programme running from the end of September to the end of June. Students enrolled in this programme are full-time students. However, for those who want to combine work and studies, the Master of Bioethics offers a special programme that can be followed over a period of two years. Some courses will be regrouped in a short period so that participants can take courses without being absent too long from work. This will be combined with some papers that have to be elaborated at home. These part-time students will follow courses in a residential setting.

Erasmus Mundus scholarships

More than 20 students and 3 scholars will be enabled to participate in the Master of Bioethics with financial aid of Erasmus Mundus scholarships. Nationals coming from all countries other than the 27 EU Member States, the EEA-EFTA states and the candidate countries for accession to the EU, and who have not carried out their main activities (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in any of the above countries can be selected for the Erasmus Mundus scholarships.



Practical information

- **TYPE OF PROGRAMME:**
advanced academic master programme
- **CREDITS:** 60
- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:**
March 1 for non-EEA, June 1 for EEA¹
- **TUITION FEE:** For full time students, a common fee of 6000 EUR will be charged to cover the tuition fee for the universities which host the student and deliver the degree. For half time students, 3000 EUR will be charged in every academic year they are involved.
- **FUNDING:** The organisational board of the Master of Bio-ethics makes every effort to assist students in finding financial assistance
- **START OF THE PROGRAMME:**
September
- **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:**
English
- **ADDRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**
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K.U. Leuven



R.U. Nijmegen



University of Padova

