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BIOETHICS & LAW

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Càtedra UNESCO de Bioètica
de la Universitat de Barcelona

1 | SUMMARY

CERTIFICATION	Master's degree UB
DURATION	2 years
ACADEMIC CREDITS	120 ECTS
METHODOLOGY	100% online
LANGUAGE	Spanish
DIRECTION	Dr. María Casado
ADMISSIONS	CV and registration form
Nº STUDENTS	Up to 30
REQUIREMENTS	Bachelor or equivalent
PREREGISTRATION	From 04/17 to 09/15
COST	4.250€ (1 st year) + 5.297,5€ (2 nd year)  2.975 € (1 st year) 4.195 € (2 nd year)

*The Bioethics and Law postgraduate course is a master's degree of the University of Barcelona (UB) organized by the **Bioethics and Law Observatory** and the **UNESCO Chair in Bioethics at the UB**, and it is part of the Basic Bioethics Studies Program of the UNESCO Education Program.*

The MBD was the first spanish master's degree providing training on Bioethics in an interdisciplinary way and from a secular point of view.



2 | FOREWORD



Dr. María Casado

Director



Dr. Itziar de Lecuona

Coordinator



Dr. Manuel J. López

Coordinator

This is the 24th edition of the Master's degree in Bioethics and Law (MBD). Since 1994 this program has been shaping professionals and researchers in order to solve major bioethical conflicts. From a multidisciplinary and secular approach and taking the human rights as a guideline, MBD provides the necessary tools to elucidate bioethical issues of global magnitude.

The current pandemic has made extremely visible and tangible the ethical dilemmas of our world. This healthcare emergency has undoubtedly highlighted the value of principles such as justice, equity, solidarity as well as international cooperation. Moreover, it has brought out social and political structural concerns born within a predominantly neoliberal framework.

Addressing paternalism and patients rights, the need for putting the public health first when facing a catastrophe situation, the boundaries of the commercial exploitation of the human body and the healthcare, the tension between health and freedom or intimacy, the management and restriction of rights during emergency situations, the prioritization in the use of resources and many other conflicts, are all issues that require to make difficult decisions and answer to highly problematic issues.

In this context, and since 1994, the MBD has trained its students to address these and other bioethical challenges and has become a meeting point enabling constant dialogue to promote democratic and transparent decision making.

3 | Goals

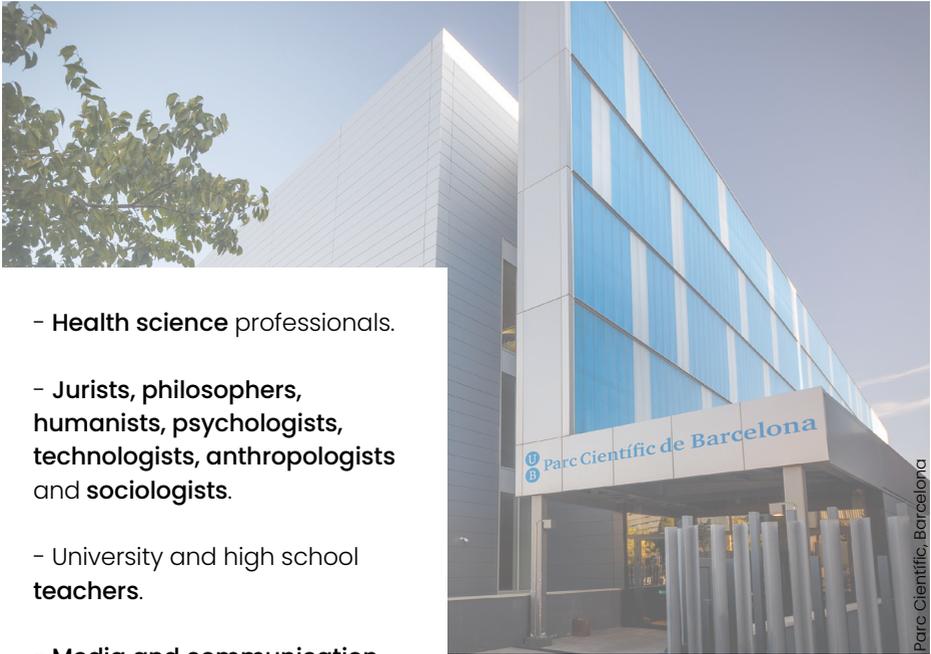
1. To provide a **global, flexible and inclusive vision of Bioethics** and its implications within a framework of internationally recognized Human Rights.

2. To achieve an **interdisciplinary training** in dealing with different ethical issues and their applications in the biotechnology sector.

3. To promote collaborative **teamwork** amongst professionals from different disciplines and career fields.

4 | Candidates

- **Health science** professionals.
- **Jurists, philosophers, humanists, psychologists, technologists, anthropologists and sociologists.**
- University and high school **teachers.**
- **Media and communication** professionals.
- Graduates with general interest in bioethics.



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5 | PROGRAM



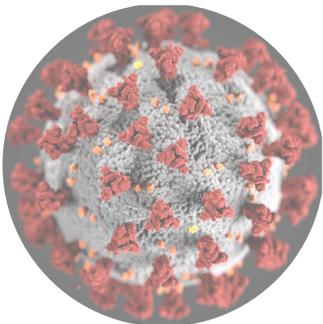
MODULE I

Provides essential foundations on bioethics according to **ethics, philosophy, history** and **politics**. Ethical theories underlying **bioethics** are analyzed together with a review of the thoughts of contemporary renowned philosophers applied to technology.



MODULE II

Brings essential legal knowledge in bioethics to help understand the functioning of **law** as well as the international legal system concerning our topic.



MODULE III

Addresses the basis of **health economics** and criteria for health resources fairer management; the complex issue of health inequalities and the search for equity as a key ethical value. Also, gives an in-depth analysis of bioethics and **public health**.



MODULE IV

Analyzes the bioethical dimensions behind **clinical relationships**; the organization of health services and the bioethical committee. Moreover, introduces the so-called "**bioethics in action**."

MODULE V

Addresses **sexual and reproductive health** issues. Focuses on the philosophical discussions about abortion or assisted reproduction, all issues that involve scientific research, regenerative therapies and, in general, the treatment of diseases.



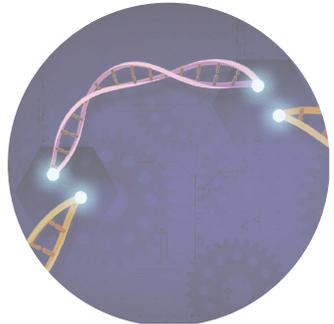
MODULE VI

Analyzes **end of life, euthanasia and transplants**. From the aging process or the decriminalization of euthanasia to the implications of biotechnological advances affecting the current transplant model.



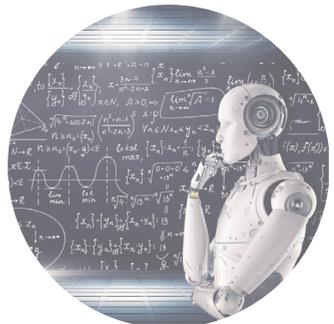
MODULE VII

Involves four fields of study: **research, genetics, mental health and disabilities**. Topics such as animal testing, open access, scientific communication, privacy of genetic data, stigma of mental illness or legal statutes of disabilities are examined.

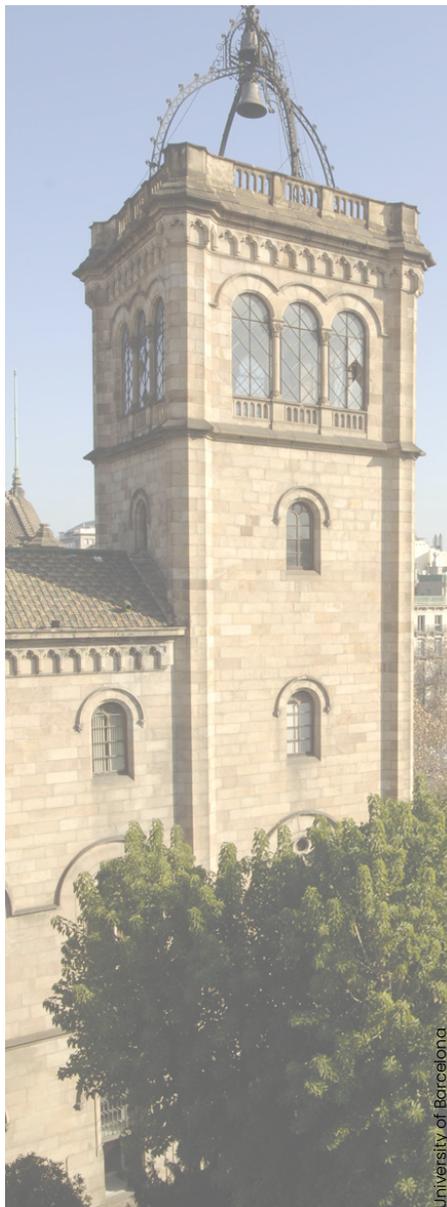


MODULE VIII

Analyzes the **biotechnology and the environment**. Also, discusses the implications of **Big Data** and **artificial intelligence**.



6 | METHODOLOGY



The program is 100% online and it is offered through a **virtual campus**. The total duration of the studies is 2 years.

It includes **8 teaching units**, **complementary material** and an extensive **open access bibliography**.

This type of learning focuses on **discussing case studies**. Also, optional **in-class master lectures** are offered.

Each student is supervised by a tutor **available online**.

Students must write a **master's thesis**. Best qualified theses are published in the indexed and peer reviewed **Bioethics and Law Journal of the UB**.

The successful completion of the master's degree gives access to doctoral studies in the UB **Bioethics and Law research line**.



7 | **ADMISSION**

University degree, bachelor's degree or its equivalent is required for admission to the program.

To apply for admission students must send their **CV** and the **application form** (available at [Bioethics and Law Observatory](#) webpage) via e-mail master.bd@ub.edu.

Candidates will be selected according to their background and professional experience. A face-to-face or online interview may also be required.

Program enrollment fee:	10.000 € (total)	7.170 € (total)
· First year:	4.250 €	2.975 € (1 st year)
· Second year:	5.750 €	4.195 € (2 nd year)

PREREGISTRATION IS OPEN

“Tools provided for the reflection and the defense of my own thoughts have gone far beyond the scope of my professional duties.”

Biology Professor, Universidad de Oviedo

“I had an excellent tutor and my thesis turned into papers and book chapters renowned in our country.”

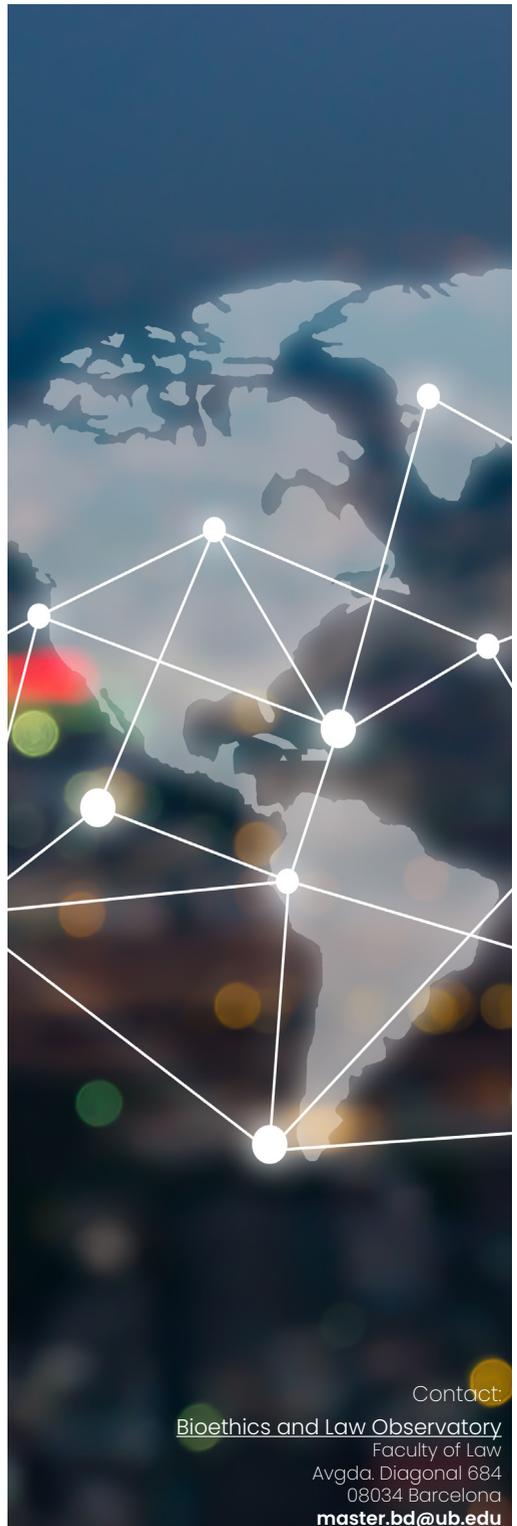
Doctor of the Institut Català d'Oncologia

“The program has allowed me to build collaborative connections with several professionals from all over the world.”

Neuropsychologist, CSS El Cedre, Andorra

“I would like to point out the kindness and closeness of the teachers despite being a distance learning program.”

Lawyer, Universidad Buenos Aires (UBA)



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