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FOOD ETHICS & LAW

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1 | SUMMARY

CERTIFICATION	UB master's degree
DURATION	1 year
ACADEMIC CREDITS	60 ECTS
METHODOLOGY	100% online
LANGUAGE	Spanish
DIRECTION	Maria José Plana and Itziar de Lecuona
ADMISSIONS	CV and registration form
Nº STUDENTS	up to 30
REQUIREMENTS	Bachelor or equivalent
PREREGISTRATION	From 17/04 to 15/09
COST	3.900€  2.730€

*The Food, Ethics and Law postgraduate course is a master's degree of the University of Barcelona (UB) organized by the **Bioethics and Law Observatory** and the **Food and Nutrition Campus of the UB**.*

*The First master's degree in the country to provide training on the **ethical and legal aspects regarding the food industry** and management of the food chain.*

2 | FOREWORD



Dr. Mª José Plana

Co-director

The food legislation is going through a revolution. After twenty years of policies based on food safety, lately, it has shifted towards the regulation of sustainable, fair and resilient food systems. The organic production and the integration of local food systems, among others, are an essential part of the current health and food policy.

Moreover, the complexity of new technologies towards food innovation, such as genetic modification, has renewed the debate about how acceptable the use of technology in the food sector might be.

The Master's degree in Food, Ethics and Law (MAED) shapes professionals and researchers so they can acquire new skills to understand the legislation and the decision-making processes related to the food sector as well as the ethical and legal issues concerning the global food market.

Since 2016, the MAED has provided, with a multidisciplinary approach, the essential tools and knowledge to deal with food legislation as well as holding necessary debates about the production model.



Dr. Itziar de Lecuona

Co-director



Nuria Rey Huerga

Coordinator

3 | Goals

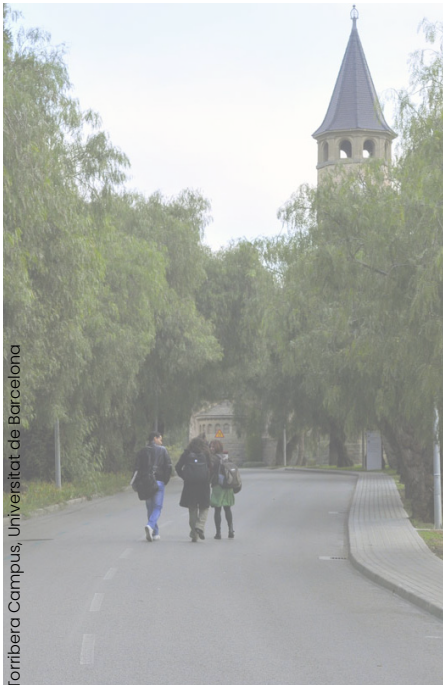
1. To provide tools to **assess legal compliance issues in the food industry**; training in legal order and public policy concerning food.

2. To provide an overview of the legal, political and institutional framework in which **European food safety policy** is developed.

3. To explore ethical and legal aspects regarding **food research** and the management of the food chain.

4 | Candidates

- Professionals from scientific disciplines such as **Veterinarian Science, Food Technology, Gastronomy, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Pharmacy and Biotechnology**, among others.
- Professionals from the social sciences, such as **journalists and public policy experts**.
- **Legal** professionals.



Career opportunities:

- **Regulatory affairs** specialist.
- **Quality management** in research centres, laboratories and companies.
- Research and **project management**.
- Practice of **law**, judges and legal operators in public administrations.
- **Political consultancy** and third sector jobs.

5 | PROGRAM



MODULE I. Introduction to law

Provides basic knowledge that enables students to understand the functioning of the legal system and the particularities of law over other normative systems. It explores the electronic tools available to professionals in order to apply the law autonomously.



MODULE II. Food Law

Food Law Examines the structure of the current European food law and the main rules of the European food legal system. It also goes through new regulatory updates in terms of global labelling and nutrition.



MODULE III. Public policies

Public policies Introduces the framework for European public policy and political goals as well as studying specific cases from other regions such as Latin America. This module also analyzes issues related to responsible and sustainable production.



MODULE IV. Ethics and food within research and innovation

Ethics and food within research and innovation Explores the ethical implications of food innovation such as genetically modified organisms (GMO) or animal exploitation within the food chain.

6 | METHODOLOGY



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The program is 100% online and is offered through a **virtual campus**. The total duration of the course is 1 year.

It includes **4 teaching modules**, **complementary material** and an extensive **open access bibliography**.

This type of learning focuses on **discussing case studies**.

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](#).



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 the [Bioethics and Law Observatory](#) webpage) via e-mail to alimentarioobd@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: 3.900 € **30% OFF** 2.730 €

PREREGISTRATION IS OPEN

“The master’s degree explores a comprehensive perspective of the food system: the food legislation, the current research system and the existing ethical issues.

It has changed my career towards a more attractive job more focused on my interests in food project development.”

*Lab Technician in the Living Lab for health
IrsiCaixa*

“It has allowed me to know how public policies work within the food safety sector and deal with ethical implications related to technology innovation and the current food system.

Each lesson has been unique, thanks to professionals from the law and food sectors and specialists belonging to private and public areas.”

*Technician in the General Directorate of Rural
Development of the Generalitat de Catalunya*

“The master’s degree provides a solid basis, less related to food as such, and more focused on current issues like legislation and politics.

Moreover, it has an interesting format with speakers from different fields. I can say it has definitely helped me find a job.”

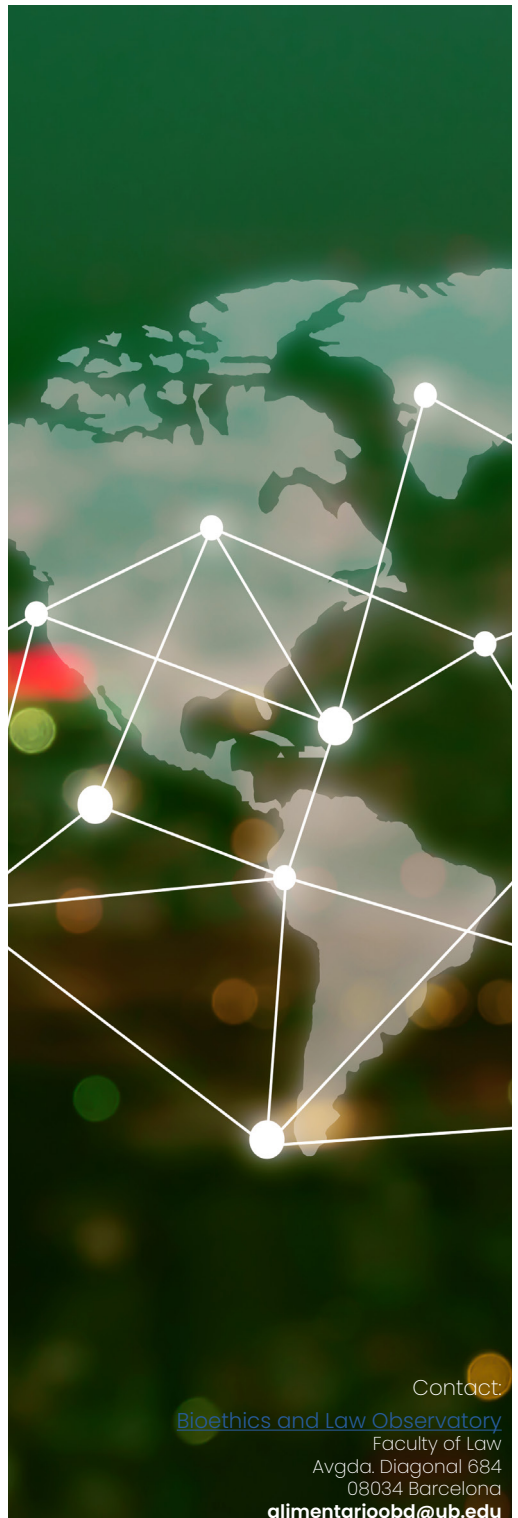
*Technician in the quality department of an
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