

## **Master of Arts in Bioethics**

### **Learning outcomes:**

By the end of this course, the students will be able to:

#### **Knowledge Understanding:**

- understand and describe the Christian vision of the human person
- be conversant in the method of bioethical reasoning
- understand and describe the content and dynamics of fundamental and emerging issues in the area of bioethics
- understand and explain the relationship between everyday healthcare issues, research, ethics and the law

#### **Application Understanding:**

- discuss the application of fundamental principles in various areas, such as the beginning and end-of-life issues, terminal and palliative care, mental health, and genetics.
- discuss the emerging bioethical values and policies on a European level
- make valid moral judgments and decisions when confronted with bioethical dilemmas
- master ethical reflection and decision-making with respect to the rapid developments in health care

#### **Communication Skills:**

- speak the language of bioethics
- develop critical thinking skills through a consideration of the theoretical, legal and practical aspects of bioethical decision-making

#### **Judgmental Skills:**

- criticize and analyse a variety of clinical settings
- discuss the different models of moral reasoning leading to different clinical judgments
- critically assess the moral arguments used to justify biomedical and biotechnological developments

- apply moral theory to real-world bioethical problems

**Learning Skills:**

- understand philosophical ethics as it is applied in biomedical, healthcare and wider health-related social contexts
- enhance their individual intellectual development through research and writing a dissertation
- provide the ethical tools needed to address pressing contemporary issues of life and health.

**Autonomy and Responsibility:**

- reflect on the moral virtues required by healthcare professionals in their clinical relationships
- analyse bioethical issues from the perspective of faith and reason understand other influential contemporary outlooks on these issues, and to develop effective strategies for engaging the bioethical issues of our day
- identify contemporary bioethical issues and the relevance of faith and reason to these issues
- make responsible clinical decisions