



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

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## **PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

### **Master of Bioethics**

### **[MBEth]**

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	10/04/2020	New Program	
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### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Master of Bioethics.

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Bioethics has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus and the Sydney Campus.

#### 4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Bioethics is available for enrolment to domestic students. Enrolment is also available for offshore students.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Bioethics is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Bioethics is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

#### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Bioethics Award is 5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

#### 4.6 Study Mode

The Master of Bioethics is offered in online only in Internal and Multimode Study.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

#### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Bioethics applicants must meet both the following two (2) specific requirements.

- 1) A bachelor degree in a cognate discipline.
- 2) Three years of full-time professional experience in a cognate profession.

### 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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6.1 An immersion experience course is available as an elective.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Bioethics graduates will be able to:

- 1) Critically analyse knowledge and understanding of principles, debates, and arguments in bioethics with a focus on traditional and contemporary approaches to bioethics including religious, secularist and humanist
- 2) Demonstrate philosophical and analytical skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts in bioethics at an abstract level, including presenting them in debate and in the public square
- 3) Apply critical insight in bioethical knowledge and skills to professional practice
- 4) Engage in critical reflection in relation to issues raised in bioethics with high levels of accountability and responsibility.

### 7.2 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Bioethics students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising of 75 units of credit from two (2) required courses and 125 units of credit from five (5) elective courses.

25 Units of Credit from PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human person.

50 Units of Credit for a 6000 level Supervised Research Project.

### 7.3 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Master of Bioethics are required to complete five (5) elective courses chosen from the list of courses below. The teaching schedule for these courses is published on the University website for the School of Philosophy and Theology, the School of Medicine, and the School of Law every semester.

LAWS6008 International Perspectives on Bioethics and Law

MEDI5002 Environment, Society, and Health

MEDI5004 The Australian Health Care System

MEDI6006 Contemporary Issues in Bioethics

MEDI6007 Putting Bioethics into Practice

PHIL6020 Ethical issues in professional life

PHIL6050 Moral Philosophy

PHIL6080 Natural Law

PHIL6150 Philosophy of Love and Friendship

PHIL6510 Metaphysics- Theories of Being and Existence

PHTH6000 Bioethics

PHTH6008 Human Person in Catholic Thought

PHIL6410 Political Philosophy

THEO6350 Foundations of Moral Theology

THEO6490 Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis

THEO6240 Scripture and Morality

THEO6350 Foundations of Moral Theology

### 7.4 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean and published on the University website for the School of Philosophy and Theology, and the School of Medicine every semester.

### 7.5 Specialisations

A specialisation (4 course) is available in Philosophy or Theology. Requirements for the Specialisation are listed on the University website for the School of Philosophy and Theology.

## 8 DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

## 9 APPENDIX A: PROGRAM SCAFFOL

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The program Scaffold for the Master of Bioethics involves a minimum of 200 Units of Credit consisting of 75 units of credit from two (2) required courses and 125 units of credit from five (5) elective courses.

<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Units of Credit</b>
1) PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person	25
2) 6000 level Supervised Research Project	50

<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>Units of Credit</b>
1) 6000 level Elective course	25
2) 6000 level Elective course	25
3) 6000 level Elective course	25
4) 6000 level Elective course	25
5) 6000 level Elective course	25

**TOTAL      200**

A list of 6000 level elective courses for the Master of Bioethics is published on the University website for the School of Philosophy and Theology, and the School of Medicine every semester.

In accordance with the General Regulations, up to 100 units of credit, as approved by the Dean, may be studied at one of the University's international partner institutions.