

# Bioethics



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## Am I prepared to deal with the ethical complexities of my chosen field?

Our society faces significant bioethical challenges in this era of globalization and rapid biomedical discovery. Stem cell research and utilization, artificial reproductive technologies, the ongoing need for human subjects' protection, the role of corporate sponsorship in research, and the fragmented economic infrastructure of health care delivery are only a few of the more vexing challenges that face us as we move into the twenty-first century. Society will turn to healthcare professionals, biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry leaders, life science researchers, civic leaders, and others to lead the ongoing public deliberation on these important topics.

## Should I enroll in the Master of Arts in Bioethics program?

Emory's MA in Bioethics program provides rigorous, advanced, interdisciplinary study in bioethics for professionals and students interested in social and ethical challenges in medicine and the life sciences. Graduates will be able to help advance the national conversation on important issues influencing public policy, scholarship, clinical practice, and education in the field.

## How can a Master of Arts in Bioethics enrich my career?

This Masters degree can complement any advanced degree in the life sciences and medical fields, as well as degrees in law, theology and business. Many graduates have found that a MA in Bioethics broadens their expertise and helps create unique opportunities in their profession, whether in clinical care or research, law or business, NGOs or the academy.

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## The Emory Distinction

Consistently ranked in the top 20 among national universities, Emory University is renowned for its outstanding liberal arts college and superb professional schools, for its national and international partnerships and collaborations, and as one of the Southeast's leading health care systems. Emory's Master of Arts in Bioethics program emphasizes our university's commitment to ethical thinking and action. With its complementary strengths in the health sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, Emory offers a unique opportunity for its faculty, students and graduates to be at the forefront in bioethics education and research.

## The Center for Ethics

The Center for Ethics is in the unique position to offer a truly interdisciplinary focus. As an independent, university-wide program, the Center includes faculty from every school in the university and fosters education and scholarship across the university. Center faculty are leaders in the field of bioethics, sit on major national commissions and Boards, are editors of premier journals, and are involved in multisite grants and collaborative projects with other universities and institutions nationwide and internationally. The Emory Center for Ethics, which administers this program, is an international leader in the exploration of ethics and is dedicated to exploring how ethical issues underlie the decisions that shape our minds, lives and society.

## What sets the our program apart:

### Highly Customizable

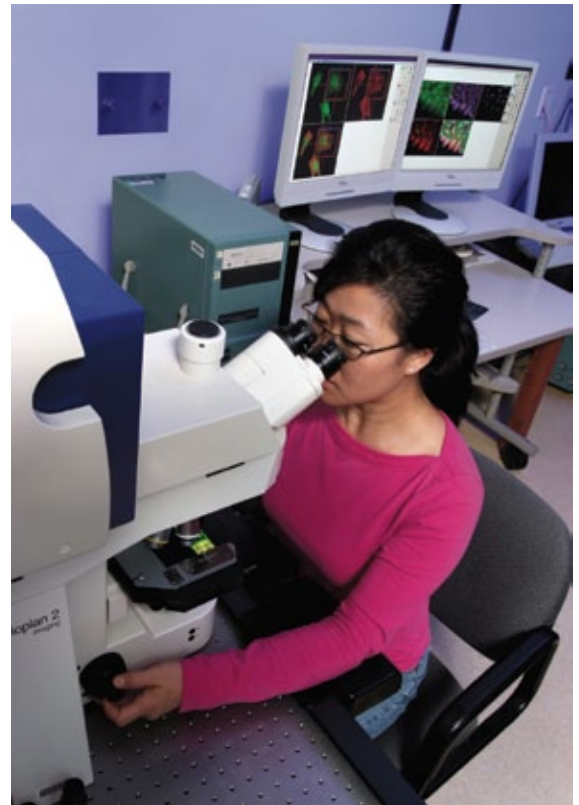
A distinguishing feature of the Emory MA in Bioethics program is the ability of students to focus their studies on a defined area of bioethics. In addition to the program's strong curriculum in clinical bioethics, the program provides strong support for bioethical inquiry in biomedical research, global research and health, science and technology studies, public health, rural health, and religious studies, among other disciplines. Faculty members include scholars and practitioners in such disciplines as medicine, nursing, public health, law, theology, business, the life sciences, philosophy, religion, sociology and psychology.

### Rich Resources

Many other areas of particular interest can be pursued, drawing on Emory's rich resources, including the Laney Graduate School, the Rollins School of Public Health, the School of Medicine, the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, the Candler School of Theology, the Yerkes Primate Center, the Law School, Goizueta Business School and our partnerships with other Universities in the area (such as the Georgia Institute of Technology).

### Valued Partnerships

Students will also have access to the Center's close ties with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), premier journals and national societies in the field, a variety of state and national boards and agencies, the Emory Institutional Review Board, as well as numerous ethics committees in local hospitals and healthcare organizations.





## A curriculum as deep and diverse as its applications.

The MA in Bioethics requires a total of 30 credits including 18 credits of required bioethics courses and 12 credits of elective courses.

Required courses:

- Bioethics foundations courses (10 credits) – Three core courses which provide foundational material in the field of bioethics.
- Bioethics seminar (2 credits) – A one-hour credit class which is taken twice and focuses on interdisciplinary discussion and current issues in bioethics.
- Bioethics practicum (3 credits) – An experiential course which provides an opportunity to observe or participate in real-life bioethics settings
- Capstone (3 credits) – A course emphasizing a particular project in the field of bioethics

Elective courses (12 credits) – Classes are chosen from existing, pre-approved classes in a variety of related disciplinary fields and professional schools at Emory, or as an approved independent study. The goal of elective courses is to allow the student to broaden their understanding of bioethics by drawing from the rich multidisciplinary environment at Emory, and engaging in focused work in an area of interest to the individual student.

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## Program Requirements

All students must have a degree from an accredited four-year college or university before beginning the program. Additionally, most entering students will have also acquired an advanced degree in a related discipline, such as medicine, nursing, law, business, public health, or theology. Many students will be practicing professionals who have interest or experience in bioethics and who wish to integrate the MA in Bioethics into their career plan. Some students will combine graduate work in Bioethics with their professional education.

The program allows for full-time or part-time study. Applicants understand that the MA in Bioethics is not considered a final degree or one granting entry into the profession.

## Contact

For more information about our program of study, please visit our website at [ethics.emory.edu](http://ethics.emory.edu) and explore the links to information about admissions, courses, research and more.

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