Programme objectives

The Master in Ethics enables students to:

- acquire fundamental knowledge in ethics;
- learn to apply this knowledge to case analyses and topical issues;
- learn transdisciplinarity, by attending classes in different ULB faculties and institutes: Philosophy and Letters, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, Social and Political Sciences, Solvay Brussels School Economics & Management, Psychology and Education, Environmental and Land Planning Management, etc.;
- benefit from advanced and up-to-date training, with guest speakers in applied ethics from Belgium and abroad.

This Master sets itself apart from others with the diversity and complementarity of its three specialised modules, each of which tackles a major current topic.

Programme's added value

This Master offers a rich and stimulating learning environment: classes are given by specialists from ULB’s various faculties and institutes, as well as by Belgian and international guest professors invited as part of the Chair in Ethics. The teaching staff is available to advise students on their seminar work and dissertation.

The Philosophy of Science and Technique optional module is exceptional in offering many opportunities to take advantage of classes given in other Faculties. This openness towards other disciplines helps to encourage philosophical reflection based on sound knowledge and a range of practices. This option is organised in partnership with the University of Liege and the Catholic University of Louvain.

Succeed in your studies

ULB offers a number of activities and resources that can help you develop a successful strategy before or during your studies. You can make the transition to higher education easier by attending preparatory courses, summer classes, and information and orientation sessions, even before you start your studies at ULB.

During your studies, many people at ULB are there specifically to help you succeed: support staff in each faculty, (inter-)faculty guidance counsellors, tutors, and experts in academic methodology.

Job opportunities

This Master provides general-purpose knowledge and skills, along with a specialisation in one of three advanced modules, which students can adapt and put to use in a very wide range of professional activities. Graduates can identify the ethical dimension of any given issue, analyse it, and take it into account when making a final decision; this skill is highly valued in a great variety of areas (medicine, economics, information, environment, etc.).

Nowadays, all professions must account for ethics in their day-to-day activities, and many call upon an ethicist. Graduates of the Master in Ethics can work in ‘ethics committees’ in a number of sectors: media, industry, finance, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, etc.
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## Jury

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Master in Ethics
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The programme promotes student participation and personal reflection. It includes a common core of courses on ethics, knowledge theory, and current issues. Students also pick one of three specialised modules, each with its own series of classes and seminars:

- **Bioethics**: ethical aspects of knowledge and practices related to medicine, healthcare, life sciences, biotechnologies, etc.
- **Development, environment et economy**: ethical issues related to decision-making, sustainable development, corporations, globalisation, etc.
- **Law and media**: ethical issues related to European and international institutions, human rights, information, etc.

In addition, the Master in Ethics includes 45 credits of advanced courses on bioethics, current issues in applied ethics, the ethics of information and communication, the ethics of development, corporate ethics, etc. At the end of the programme, students complete a Master's dissertation.

**Bloc 1 | M-PETHIS | MA-PETHI**

**Travail préparatoire au mémoire**

**MEMO-B400**  
Travaux préparatoires au mémoire  
5 credits | first term | French

**Tronc commun**

- **DROI-C5103**  
  Philosophie du droit | Diane BERNARD (Coordinator) and Julie ALLARD  
  5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h] | second term | French

- **ENVI-F403**  
  Socio-environmental Dynamics | Maria MANCILLA GARCIA (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 36h] | second term | English

- **ETHI-B415**  
  Bioéthique | Jean-Noël MISSA (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 36h] | first term | French

- **GEST-S454**  
  Business and economics ethics | Marek HUDON (Coordinator) and Olivier Malay  
  5 credits [lecture: 36h] | first term | English

- **PHIL-B505**  
  Séminaire de philosophie des sciences et des techniques | Marie-Geneviève PINSART (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 12h, seminars: 24h] | first term | French

- **PHIL-B520**  
  Histoire, éthique et philosophie des sciences biomédicales | Jean-Noël MISSA (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

- **PHIL-D400**  
  Bioéthique : philosophies et pratiques | Marie-Geneviève PINSART (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h, personal assignments: 12h] | first term | French

- **RELA-B420**  
  Libre pensée et libre examen | Pierre-Frédéric DALED (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h] | second term | French

**Cours spécifiques**

- **ETHI-B400**  
  Introduction aux théories fondamentales de l’éthique appliquée | Pierre-Frédéric DALED (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

- **ETHI-B405**  
  Questions d’actualité en éthique appliquée | Pierre-Frédéric DALED (Coordinator)  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French

- **ETHI-B410**  
  Ethique de l’information et de la communication | Thomas BERNS (Coordinator) and Tyler REIGELUTH  
  5 credits [lecture: 24h] | first term | French
**Bloc 2 | M-PETHI | MA-PETHI**

**Mémoire**

**Mémoire**

MEMO-B500 25 credits  academic year  French

**Tronc commun**

**ETHI-D500**

**Stages d'éthique** | Marie-Geneviève PINSART (Coordinator)

5 credits [work placement: 24h]  academic year  French

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**Module Bioéthique**

**DROI-L3012**

**Droit, Ethique et Santé** | Thérèse LOCOGE (Coordinator) and Aurélien VANDEBURIE

5 credits [lecture: 42h, personal assignments: 8h]  first term  French

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**Two courses chosen from the following**

**BIOL-F102**

**Biologie générale** | Charles DE CANNIERE (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 12h]  second term  French

**BIOL-F446**

**Comportement animal** | Claire DETRAIN (Coordinator), Serge ARON, Jean-Christophe DE BISEAU D'HAUTEVILLE and Yves ROI SIN

5 credits [lecture: 48h]  first term  French

**BIOL-F448**

**Bioéthique et droit de la conservation** | Bruno DANIS (Coordinator) and Martine VERCAUTEREN

5 credits [lecture: 20h, tutorial classes: 36h, seminars: 4h]  first term  French

**DROI-C5136**

**Bioéthique et droit** | Nicole GALLUS (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

**HIST-B4050**

**Histoire sociale des sciences et des techniques** | Kenneth BERTRAMS (Coordinator) and Renaud BARDEZ

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French

**PSYC-E4001**

**Biologie et culture: impacts sur la cognition, les affects et la prise de décision** | Régine KOLINSKY (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

**SAPU-L3012**

**Introduction et Histoire de la santé publique** | Philippe VAN WILDER (Coordinator) and Isabelle GODIN

5 credits [lecture: 32h, personal assignments: 28h]  first term  French

**SAPU-L4311**

**Sociologie et psychologie de la santé** | Céline MAHIEU (Coordinator) and Sandra TRICAS-SAURAS

5 credits [lecture: 24h, seminars: 12h, personal assignments: 24h]  first term  French

**SOCA-D466**

**Anthropologie médicale** | Marc LENAERTS (Coordinator)

5 credits [lecture: 24h]  second term  French
## Module Développement et environnement

**ENVI-F434**  
Géohistoire des relations sociétés - environnement | Jean-Michel DECRYLO (Coordinator) and Chloé DELIGNE  
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
- first term  
- French

### Two courses chosen from the following

- **ENVI-D500**  
  Epistémologie des pratiques environnementales | Benoît TIMMERMANS (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, cours global: 12h]  
- second term  
- French

- **ENVI-F1001**  
  Sciences de la Terre, Environnement et Société | Pierre REGNIER (Coordinator), Jean-Michel DECRYLO and Frank PATTYN  
- 5 credits [lecture: 48h]  
- first and second terms  
- French

- **ENVI-F5002**  
  Psychologie de l'environnement, de la communication et de la consommation | Sabine POHL (Coordinator) and Thomas BAULER  
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
- first term  
- French

- **ENVI-F510**  
  Droit de l'environnement | Chiara ARMENI (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

- **ETHI-F201**  
  Sciences, éthique, histoire et société | Grégoire Wallenborn (Coordinator) and Eric MURAILLE  
- 5 credits [lecture: 44h]  
- second term  
- French

- **HIST-D401**  
  Histoire et écologies | Chloé DELIGNE (Coordinator), Violette Pouillard and Nicolas SCHROEDER  
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
- academic year  
- French

- **SAPU-D502**  
  Déterminants sociaux du travail dans les pays en développement | Alain VERHAAGEN (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

- **SOCA-D461**  
  Development and globalization: theories and practices | Jacinto Cuvi (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- second term  
- English

## Module Droit et médias

- **DROI-C5100**  
  Théorie du droit | Benoît FRYDMAN  
- 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h]  
- second term  
- French

- **PHIL-B515**  
  Séminaire de philosophie juridique et politique, et Chaire Perelman II | Thomas BERNs (Coordinator), Julie ALLARD and Stefan GOLTZBERG  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h, seminars: 12h]  
- second term  
- French

### One course chosen from the following

- **COMM-B300**  
  Droit de l'information et de la communication | Mireille BUYDENS (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 12h]  
- first and second terms  
- French

- **COMM-B305**  
  Déontologie de l'information et de la communication | David DOMINGO SANTAMARIA (Coordinator), Florence LE CAM and Jan Zienkowski  
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
- second term  
- French

- **COMM-B400**  
  Histoire de la communication de masse | Irene DI JORIO (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
- first term  
- French

- **DROI-C5141**  
  Approches juridiques des discriminations | Isabelle RORIVE (Coordinator)  
- 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
- first term  
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