



Master in Ethics

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Programme mnemonic

MA-PETHI

> Focus *Professional* : M-PETHIS

Studies level

Master 120 credits

Learning language

french

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Human and social sciences / Philosophy

Campus

Solbosch

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

Choose

The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed

Take part in preparatory courses [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] or get help to succeed [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>], before or during your studies.

Get help

Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support [<https://www.ulb.be/fr/aides-services-et-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1>] for your specific needs.

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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Master in Ethics

Focus Professional

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-D415 [Travaux préparatoires au mémoire](#)
 5 credits [mfe/tfe: 150h]  first term  French

Tronc commun

- DROI-C5103 [Philosophie du droit](#) | Julie ALLARD
 5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French
- ENVI-F403 [Socio-environmental Dynamics](#) | Maria MANCILLA GARCIA (Coordinator)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h]  first 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)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  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)
 5 credits [lecture: 24h]  first term  French

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Focus Professional

Bloc 2 | M-PETHIS | MA-PETHI

Mémoire

MEMO-D560

Mémoire

🕒 25 credits 📅 academic year 🗨️ French

Tronc commun

ETHI-D500

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

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

An alternative chosen from the three following

Module Bioéthique

DROI-L3012
(optional)

Droit, Ethique et Santé | Aurélien VANDEBURIE (Coordinator)

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

Two courses chosen from the following

BIOL-F102
(optional)

Biologie générale | Patrick MARDULYN (Coordinator) and Etienne MEYLAN

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

BIOL-F446
(optional)

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

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

BIOL-F448
(optional)

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

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 20h, tutorial classes: 40h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

DROI-C5136
(optional)

Bioéthique et droit | Nicole GALLUS (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

HIST-B4050
(optional)

Histoire sociale des sciences et des techniques | Kenneth BERTRAMS (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

SAPU-L3012
(optional)

Introduction et Histoire de la santé publique

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

SAPU-L4311
(optional)

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
(optional)

Medical Anthropology | Sarah O'NEILL (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English

or

Module Développement et environnement

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

Two courses chosen from the following

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

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

ENVI-F5002 (optional) **Psychologie de l'environnement, et de la communication** | Sabine POHL (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

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

ETHI-F201 (optional) **Sciences, éthique, histoire et société** | Grégoire Wallenborn (Coordinator) and Eric MURAILLE
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

HIST-D401 (optional) **Histoire et écologies** | Chloé DELIGNE (Coordinator), Violette Pouillard and Nicolas SCHROEDER
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

RELA-D502 (optional) **Loi et religions** | Stefan GOLTZBERG (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

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

or

Module Droit et médias

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

PHIL-B515 (optional) **Séminaire de philosophie juridique et politique, et Chaire Perelman II** | Thomas BERNS (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, seminars: 12h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

One course chosen from the following

COMM-B300 (optional) **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 (optional) **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 (optional) **Histoire de la communication de masse** | Irene DI JORIO (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 36h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

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

ETHI-D501 (optional) **Ethics of migration policies** | Martin DELEIXHE (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ English



FRAN-B465
(optional) **Théorie et pratique de la rhétorique** | Emmanuelle DANBLON (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

POLI-D515
(optional) **Théories de la démocratie et des droits humains** | Justine LACROIX (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

STIC-B410
(optional) **Documentologie** | Isabelle BOYDENS (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

Cours spécifiques

ETHI-B500 **Ethique de la recherche** | Pierre-Frédéric DALED (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ETHI-B505 **Etude de cas dans le domaine de l'éthique appliquée et de la laïcité** | Pierre-Frédéric DALED (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

ETHI-B510 **Séminaire de philosophie des sciences du vivant** | Quentin Hiernaux (Coordinator)
⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French