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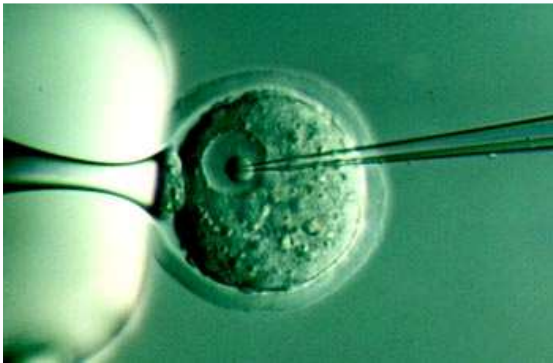
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Partner Entity:



Masters Degree in

BioLaw: Law, Ethics and Science

60 ECTS



Entry requirements

In order to be admitted, those who wish to apply for the Master Course at the University of Murcia must hold an official Spanish university degree or one obtained at an institution of higher education in the European Higher Education Area which is suitable qualification for access to a Masters course in the country of issue (240 ECTS).



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Course information for the Degree programme

The present Century was born under a brand new revolution rooted in the scientific research on human life carried out over the past 30 years, i.e. the biotechnical revolution.

The growing importance of this reality poses such caveats concerning the future and dignity of human life that scientific academics and parliaments, together with national and international legislative arenas have been and keep being formally questioned in a virtually unexpected way. Against the growing intervening power of science in human life, it has become unavoidable to question ourselves whether anything which is technically feasible can be justified on ethical grounds, and on where to establish the legal limits for its accomplishment. The origin of life, the death concept, the capability to take difficult decisions which are rationally grounded, the principle of respect for autonomy and its value or the role of the state on health policies are all good examples that can illustrate the impact of these new issues which have fostered, first of all, the emergence of Bio-Ethics and Bio-Law as disciplines, and the huge efflorescence of connections among Biology, Medicine, Ethics and Law.

It thus becomes essential to merge bio-ethic and legal research activities into a Bio-Law scene where both sciences can combine and foster specific socio-legal action proposals which, in turn, allow researchers to provide new lines of implementation grounded on both ethical values coming from the former, and the legal validity brought up by the latter.

Bearing all this in mind, the major goals of this new Degree are to offer a comprehensive and integrating view of Bio-Ethics and its legal derivations, as well as to provide an interdisciplinary training in the approach to varied issues, either ethic, health-related, scientific or brought up from research applications and their legal approach.

Our goal is to help shed light on the debate around key aspects in Bioethics, whose approaches and resolutions belong to the society as a whole due to its nature, and to offer training in rational decision taking regarding problems arisen from scientific developments and high technology (e.g. cloning, assisted reproduction, transgenic experimentation, euthanasia), fostering interdisciplinary team work. All in all, we seek to coach potential specialists in Bio-Ethics and Law – Bio-Law – so to meet the growing demand of experts in these areas.

Information on Master Programme

Master Degree in Bio-Law: Law, Ethics and Science

TERM 1

SUBJECT 1 (12 ECTS): Biological, Ethic and Legal Bio-Law Foundations

Modules:

- Bioethics and professionalism
- Genetics and Society
- Human Rights from the Bioethics and Biolaw perspectives
- Biolaw and Fundamental Rights

SUBJECT 2 (18 ECTS): Biolaw and Health

Modules:

- Biolaw in the first stages of life
- Biolaw in middle and final stages of life
- Health Law and clinical relations bioethics
- The health professional statute and the national insurance
- Comparative Biolaw

TERM 2

SUBJECT 3 (18 ECTS): Law, Society and Biotechnology

Modules:

- Biotechnology-related criminal law and politics issues
- Biotechnology-related religious, ethic and social conflicts and their legal arguments
- Transgenic food
- Ethics in animal research

SUBJECT 4 (12 ECTS): Master Dissertation.

Subject

- Máster Dissertation writing

Information, regulations and application forms in:

<http://www.um.es/web/vic-estudios/contenido/masteres>

Master Course Website

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