MA in Ethics

Course participants do two core modules and 4 option modules.

**Introduction to Ethics (core):** This module provides a comprehensive introduction to ethics to enable course participants to further explore key contemporary ethical issues. The module explores how ethical theories influence ethical decision-making and provide frameworks for ethical reasoning and analysis.

**Readings in Ethics (core):** The purpose of this module is to introduce students to a selection of classic texts in the field of ethics thereby providing a more in-depth examination of the texts that are at the source of the major ethical theories.

**Option Modules**

**Human Rights & Social Justice:** This module will explore human rights in the context of global and social justice. It will offer a historical outline of the tradition of thinking about justice and the development of natural and human rights within this tradition.

**Global Bioethics:** The purpose of this module is to examine contemporary global bioethical issues and develop further skills in applying ethical theories and models to practical settings. The module will apply the various ethical principles to contemporary bioethical issues, exposing students to a broad range of topical problems.

**Business Ethics:** This module is designed to provide course participants with the necessary conceptual tools to analyse ethical dilemmas in the world of business at the beginning of the twenty-first century. It will train and enhance students' skills in applying ethical theories to a wide range of business ethics topics.

**Media Ethics:** This module has a particular relevance for journalists and others in the professions involving public communication. But it is also deliberately designed to serve news consumers as well - that is, everyone who watches a news programme, listens to the radio or reads a newspaper.

**Environmental Ethics through Film & Media Studies:** This module examines contemporary environmental ethics from the novel perspective of film and other media. Students will be introduced to the area of media studies as a tool for examining environmental ethical issues.

**Comparative Religious Ethics:** This module explores how various religious traditions influence ethical decision-making and practice. The module will examine ways in which religious beliefs and worldviews influence the development of various forms of ethical perspectives and standards that have come to shape and define cultures and societies.

**Theological & Religious Perspectives on Ethics:** This module explores ethics from theological and religious perspectives, with particular reference to Christianity, but also drawing from inter-religious sources and dialogue.