The mission of the Department of Bioethics is to improve public and professional understanding of the ethical and contextual issues involved in health sciences research, health care delivery, and health policy development through teaching, research and community dialogue.

The department has offices at the CWRU School of Medicine and MetroHealth Medical Center. Faculty represent multiple disciplines, including philosophy, religion, law, political science, anthropology, history, literature, sociology, psychology, nursing and medicine, in addition to bioethics.

Department faculty teach in both core and elective components of the medical school curriculum, undergraduate courses in ethics and medical humanities, and an intensive course in responsible conduct of research for PhD students in the School of Medicine. The department also has a highly successful master’s degree program in bioethics and medical humanities, a PhD degree program, and an undergraduate minor.

Department faculty have gained international prominence for research in many areas of biomedical ethics and medical humanities that collectively address the concerns of the School of Medicine’s spectrum of biomedical disciplines and questions of health, society and culture more broadly.

Please visit the department website to obtain information about the Master of Arts degree program and learn about department and faculty activities.

Programs

- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Minor
- Bioethics, PhD

Dual Degrees

- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Genetic Counseling, MS
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Law, JD
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Medicine, MD
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Nursing, MSN
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Public Health, MPH
- Bioethics and Medical Humanities, MA/Social Work, MSW