

# MA IN BIOETHICS PAIRED WITH MA IN LEADERSHIP

## BASIC IDEA

Up to ten hours can double-count if the right courses are selected. In summary: only 22 hours beyond the MA-Leadership degree are required in order to earn the MA-Bioethics degree as well.

## DESCRIPTION

Students in either the MA in Bioethics (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/evangelical-divinity-school/academic-life/masters-programs/ma-be/>) (MA/BE) or the MA in Leadership (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/graduate/academic-life/masters-programs/mal/>) (MA/L) degree program can add the other degree without substantially lengthening their stay at Trinity. There is a rapidly growing need in society for leadership to address bioethical challenges in the lives of individuals, families, communities, and the larger world. Such leaders ideally need more training in leadership (for example, non-profit, organizational, or international leadership) than a bioethics degree alone can provide, and they need more training in bioethics than a leadership degree can provide. Moreover, there is a societal movement toward requiring a credential, such as a bioethics Master’s degree, for individuals involved in bioethical decision-making in many arenas where people with leadership training work. In light of Trinity’s global leadership role in bioethics, the ability of students to add the MA/BE degree to their MA/L degree is an attractive option for Trinity students.

## FEATURES

- Only 20 hours of Master’s-level coursework in bioethics beyond the MA/L degree are required.
- Students can participate in the May Commencement for both degrees at the end of their final academic year (assuming no more than 6 non-capstone hours remain to be completed in the summer that follows).
- Students complete a single 4-hour capstone course on a topic in the realm of “Leadership and Bioethics,” which counts as 4 hours in each of the two degree programs. If a bioethics professor oversees the course it should be registered as a bioethics capstone, and if a leadership professor oversees the course it should be registered as a leadership capstone.
- In addition to the shared capstone, students can double-count 6 other hours of courses taken in the MA/BE program as elective hours in their MA/L program.
- If 6 such hours are not completed in the MA/L degree program, then the missing hours must be added to the 20 hours needed to complete the MA/BE degree.
- The following courses **must be taken** either within the MA/L degree program or as part of the additional 20 hours for the MA/BE degree program:

Code	Title	Hours
BE 5000	Introduction to Bioethics: Matters of Life and Dignity	3
	or BE 5100 Intensive Bioethics Institute	
BE 5001	Foundations for Integrative Thought in Bioethics	3
BE 5002	Foundations for Cultural Engagement in Bioethics	3

BE 5200	Research Ethics	2
BE 5300	Clinical Issues in Bioethics	2
BE 5500	Bioethics and Public Policy	2
BE 6200	Ethical Theory	3
BE 6500	Advanced Bioethics Institute	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## MODEL CURRICULAR PLAN

The actual curricular plan will vary with individuals. In this model curricular plan, students would take the following courses (in addition to the MA/L courses including 5001, 5002, and the capstone):

Code	Title	Hours
Any fall or summer before the final year of MA/L studies:		
BE 5000	Introduction to Bioethics: Matters of Life and Dignity	3
	or BE 5100 Intensive Bioethics Institute	
Any fall of MA/L studies after completing BE 5000 or BE 5100:		
BE 5001	Foundations for Integrative Thought in Bioethics	3
BE 5002	Foundations for Cultural Engagement in Bioethics	3
BE 5200	Research Ethics	2
BE 5499	The Public Policy Context <sup>1</sup>	1
BE 5500	Bioethics and Public Policy	2
Any spring of MA/L studies after completing BE 5000 or BE 5100:		
BE 5299	The Clinical Context <sup>1</sup>	1
BE 5300	Clinical Issues in Bioethics	2
BE 6200	Ethical Theory	3
Any fall, spring, or summer of MA/L studies after completing BE 5000 or BE 5100:		
	Bioethics-related capstone in the MA/L degree program plus bioethics elective hours	7
Near the end of MA/BE studies:		
BE 6500	Advanced Bioethics Institute	3
Of the 30 total bioethics hours here, 10 may also count toward the MA/L degree		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> These two courses provide remedial background understanding for BE 5300 and BE 5500. If either or both are not needed, an extra hour can be added to either or both BE 6100 and BE 6500—or the 2-hour BE 5900 (Bioethics National Conference course) can be taken any summer.