

**Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Art & Master of Arts in Bioethics
Dual Degree Program
Wake Forest University**

Goal

The goal of the bioethics dual degree program (BS/BA & MA) is to facilitate the interdisciplinary study of bioethics and related fields. A master's degree in bioethics can help to advance professional and academic interests in medicine, law, religion, public policy, life sciences, biomedical research, health administration, public health and many others.

Students in this dual degree program benefit not only from an array of course offerings, but also from the social and intellectual life of the graduate program in Bioethics.

Structure

If accepted into the program, students will spend their first 4 years full-time in the Wake Forest College, followed by a year or more in the bioethics program. (That year typically will consist of two semesters plus a summer for students who complete at least 6 hours of transferrable graduate work during their undergraduate senior year). Because students must complete all of the requirements for the undergraduate degree independently of their Bioethics graduate coursework, students will receive their BS/BA degree at the end of 4 years in the College (or when they complete their BS/BA graduation requirements). The MA will be awarded separately after completion of the MA requirements.

The dual degree program will save students a semester of enrollment in the Master's Program, if they are able to complete at least 6 bioethics graduate credit hours during their undergraduate senior year. The graduate level courses are in addition to the credit hours required for the BS/BA and will not count toward the BS/BA credit hours.

Program Directors

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Requirements: Wake Forest Students who are in a position to complete the 120 credit hours required for the undergraduate degree in fewer than the typical 4 years and are accepted into the dual degree program may take up to 9 credit hours of graduate level bioethics courses while they are enrolled in the College. The Graduate School will accept those credit hours toward the Master of Arts in Bioethics degree if they are above and beyond the minimum 120 hours required to receive a BS/BA.

The dual degree program permits Wake Forest students to complete both their bachelors and masters degrees in as little as 5 years (10 semesters + 1 summer). Admitted students may begin graduate bioethics coursework while enrolled through the College, which enables them to earn two degrees in less time and at lower cost than it would take to earn the two degrees separately.

While enrolled through Wake Forest College (typically during the Senior year), admitted dual degree students may enroll in any of the following 700-level bioethics graduate courses:

- BIE 703: Bioethics Theory (3)
- BIE 702: Biomedical Research Ethics (3)
- BIE 704: Public Policy, Medicine, and Justice (3)
- BIE 705: Clinical Ethics (3)
- BIE 706: Bioethics Seminar (3)*
- Graduate Bioethics elective courses (<http://bioethics.wfu.edu/course-offerings/>)*

*Students must complete or be enrolled concurrently in one of the other courses named above before enrolling in BIE 706 or a bioethics elective course.

Application Procedure: Typically, students interested in the BS/BA & MA in Bioethics must apply no later than the spring semester of their junior year. Students should alert the Associate Director of the Master of Arts in Bioethics program of their intent to apply and follow the usual procedures for making an application for admission to a graduate program at the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. In order to be considered eligible for admission, the candidate must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Candidates may request, however, to submit verifiable test scores from another graduate or professional entrance examination in a relevant field (e.g. LSAT, MCAT, etc.). Only students in good academic standing according to the standards of Wake Forest College should apply.

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