

CAREER OPTIONS

Graduates learn to think independently about legal and moral issues, research legal problems effectively, express themselves clearly and concisely, marshal relevant knowledge to support their views and adapt skillfully to changing conditions in their chosen careers. Typical graduates have used their skills diversely, through:

- police work
- federal or state agency work
- the legal field
- the educational profession
- health care settings.

Others have chosen to go on to doctoral study in law, health care services, public administration, policy science or history.



Legal and Ethical Studies (M.A.)

Living and Working Within an Ethical Context

As legal and ethical issues arise in many settings—business, human services, government and teaching—professionals benefit greatly from an understanding of legal processes and concepts as well as from learning how to apply ethical ideals to real-world problems. This 36-credit program focuses on the study of law and ethics within the context of the humanities—as liberal arts. It aims to provide nontraditional, working students with a course of study that will enrich both their lives and their career opportunities.

The curriculum is designed to expose you to the study of law from a broad liberal arts framework, to offer opportunities for in-depth study of applied ethics and select fields of legal theory and practice, and to enhance your professional skills. Core courses include work in legal research, legal and ethical foundations, historical perspectives, legal and ethical arguments, and law and morality. You'll then be able to tailor the program of study to fit your interests and career goals. You might choose a specialized area such as civil rights, family law, health care law and ethics, constitutional law, the history of common law or one of many others.

The program draws on the strengths and expertise of the University as a place for the study of business, law and liberal arts. Your teachers will include lawyers with Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in the liberal arts, as well as experienced attorneys. They have specializations in ethics, philosophy, history, social justice and the like.

Visit www.ubalt.edu/legalethicalstudies.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

Our students come from all over the Maryland region and have a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds. Some are just out of college and others have long been in the workplace. The mix of age groups, experiences and outlooks makes for exciting learning; one of the program's strengths, in fact, is the merging and blending of ideas made possible when people bring such different perspectives and experiences to a common topic.

Professionals in business, human services, finance, government and teaching are attracted to the program. Some students' backgrounds include positions as executives and managers in health care, defense contracting, insurance, public relations, public administrators and nonprofit leaders, while others may work as dentists, firefighters, nurses, police, educators, volunteers and paralegals.

To learn more, contact the program director at lest@ubalt.edu.



"With an M.B.A. and 25 years of business and technical experience, I wanted to study the other side—business ethics—and eventually get my Ph.D. The UB program allows me to leverage my M.B.A. courses. However, I really chose UB for its professors. In the first semester I was a real 'fish out of water' as I learned new terminology and ways of writing. With their help, it has been a wonderful experience. The faculty are making sure I have the proper publications and research experiences in addition to my classes to ensure I get into a quality doctorate program."

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