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# BIOETHICS SUMMER COURSE

## “Bioethics, Death, and Immortality”

on campus   online

**DEATH AND THE DESIRE FOR IMMORTALITY ARE INTERTWINED IN THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE, RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEANING OF EXISTENCE AND THE TECHNIQUES OF PRESERVATION AND PROLONGATION OF LIFE. BIOETHICS ADDRESSES THESE SUBJECTS FROM AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE.**

**PRESENTATION**

This Summer Course will address the themes of human mortality and the aspiration to immortality in light of current bioethical issues. Death is a reality common to all of us. Philosophers have reflected on the question of suffering and our eventual demise over the centuries. Many cultures and religious traditions have also addressed the quest for immortality since time immemorial. Current debates about emerging technologies, health care costs, and transhumanism are more recent manifestations of these age-old bioethical questions.

**AUDIENCE**

The objectives of the Course are especially important for Doctors and Health Personnel; Biologists, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, and Psychotherapists; Educators, especially secondary and high school Teachers; Priests, Catechists and other agents of pastoral care; Lawyers, Jurists, Journalists, Communicators, and Sociologists and all those who are interested in the cultural and social dynamics of the present day and wish to have an informed and critical perspective on the cutting edge issues in the ethics of biotechnology.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available thanks to support from the Farrell Family Foundation.

**CERTIFICATION**

All participants in the full course will receive a certificate of completion. The completion of an optional exam will allow 1 ECTS to be credited.

**ENROLLMENT**

Until June 27, 2022

**ACADEMIC FEE**

Standard Fee:	Five sessions (5 days)	270 €
	Five sessions (5 days) + 1 (ECTS) through an exam	275 €
Special Category: Priests, Religious, APRA Bioethics Students, APRA Alumni, PhD in Bioethics, RIU Professors	Five sessions (5 days)	220 €
	Five sessions (5 days) + 1 (ECTS) through an exam	225 €

-  **DATE:** July 4-8 2022
-  **SCHEDULE:** 3-6:30pm
-  **CREDITS:** 1 ECTS (upon request)
-  **COSTS:** 220 - 275 euros (see the table)
-  **TRANSLATION:** Italian and English (others languages with a minimum of 11 students)

**ENROLLMENT**



**COURSE STRUCTURE**

The Course consists of lectures, question and answer sessions, seminars, film forums, and interactive group activities. The Course proposes an interdisciplinary study of the phenomenon of death and the search for immortality in order to promote knowledge and understanding of life span extension techniques, the benefits and risks involved in such techniques, and their impact on the vision of human nature today and for future generations.

**Modality:** The Course will be primarily on-campus with the option to follow it online.

**1 The Enigma of Suffering and the Human Finitude**

-  Cultural, literary, and artistic expressions of suffering and death.
-  Psychological and neurological aspects of suffering, loneliness, and fear of death during the Covid pandemic.
-  Hope and acceptance of death in the terminally ill.
-  Suffering and death in the world religions.
-  End-of-life care for vulnerable patients.

**2 The Search for Immortality**

-  Anti-aging technology, cryopreservation, and the latest developments.
-  Technological immortality in the transhumanist movement.
-  Head transplantation and immortality.
-  Quantitative extension of life vs. qualitative elevation of life through grace and theosis in the Catholic tradition.
-  Legal and human rights implications of transhumanist existence and prolonged life.