The University of Bologna offers multidisciplinary competences on ethical dimensions of different research fields, responding to societal needs, addressing issues raised by advances in scientific research and innovation and reflecting the basic values of society.
Ethics and economics

- Business ethics
- Ethics and enterprise
- Ethics of consumption
- Corporate Social Responsibility in profit and non profit organizations: social responsible behaviours, internal governance
- Fund Raising and Non Profit Organizations: the ethical motivations of donors
- Ethics in finance and ethical finance

Ethics and environment – food

- Ethics and protection of environment and against waste
- Environmental justice

Normative ethics applied to biological issues

- Bioethics and biolaw
- Ethics of biological innovation (vulnerability, body and rights)
- Bioethics and politics (impacts of public debate on bioethics on democracy)
- Medical ethics, philosophy of illness
- Biotech law, ethics of genetics
- Neuroethics

Ethics, data and computing

- Privacy and data protection
- Ethics and big data
- Information ethics and AI

Ethics and philosophy

- Ethics and political philosophy
- Law and Morality
- Moral argumentation
- Ethics of human rights
- Ethics, religion and politics
- Ethics of scientific research
- Professional ethics

Responsible Research

- Development of ethical guidelines and operational standards for the ethical committees and the research community
- Rules, values, principles of research integrity compliance
- Analysis of research protocols
- Methodologies for teaching ethics, research integrity
- Economics of science: the analysis of scientists’ incentives both in academia and the private sector

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