

## **Comparison of UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum with the Bioethics Curriculum of the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture, SIUT**

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The Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture (CBEC), SIUT initiated its bioethics education program in 2005. The first program to be offered was a Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Ethics in that year followed by a Masters in Bioethics program which was launched in 2009. The CBEC bioethics curriculum (CBEC-BC) has undergone continuous internal evaluation and restructuring over the past 3 years to keep it current and relevant.

The Bioethics Core Curriculum (BCC) developed by UNESCO was made available in 2008 to institutions for implementation and assessment.

This paper compares CBEC-BC with BCC to compare the content of each curriculum and assess the extent to which the objectives of various units of study included in BCC are being covered by CBEC-BC. The paper will also reflect on the different ways in which the two curricula address similar areas of study.

The results in this paper will represent a mid year comparison with the CBEC-BC since the current academic session is only half way through. This will be followed by an end of year full comparison in December 2010 to provide the full picture of the comparison.