

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis is focused on the society's view of the problems of legalization of euthanasia. The thesis is divided into two main parts, the theoretical and the empirical one. The theoretical part consists of the basic terms related to the given problems, further of historical development of euthanasia, countries where euthanasia is legalized, arguments of proponents and opponents of euthanasia and paliative care. The practical part follows after theoretical information and deals with analysis of data gained by a questionnaire research and interpretation of individual findings relating to respondents' general awareness of euthanasia and differences in the view of euthanasia between lay public and professionals. At the end of the thesis, the concrete recommendations in future discussions about euthanasia are proposed on the basis of gained information.