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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# COURSE SYLLABUS

# Ethics and Law

**1819-1-H4102D005-H4102D013M**

## Learning objectives

The purpose of this class is to develop an understanding of the relationship between law and ethics in the health care field.

## Contents

Outline of how law, regulation and governance mechanisms deal with the organization and development of health care systems, medical practice and the guarantee and implementation of health related rights, with particular regard to bioethical issues.

## Detailed program

This course aims at giving students an overview of the main concepts of health law and bioethics, such as right to health and its protection, the physician-patient relationship, informed consent, competency, medical negligence, and so on.

It examines the role of legislation and other governance mechanisms in tackling a range of present ethical and health policy issues. Topics may include: equity and health system sustainability, bio-law themes like abortion, assisted human reproduction, end of life decisions and other contemporary issues.

## Prerequisites

There are no special pre-requisites to be fulfilled before sitting the examination

## Teaching methods

Classroom lessons.
Students are required to actively participate in lessons with the preparation of case studies and in depth studies on specific topics. This will offer the opportunity to contribute to the class collective learning.

## Assessment methods

Students are expected to lead a class discussion (with presentations, analyses of case studies) with a small group of other students on one of the course topics. At the end of the teaching activities, students will receive an assessment of their commitment, which will be eventually integrated with an oral exam.

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

Study materials will be assigned during lessons.