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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Ethics and Law

1920-1-H4102D005-H4102D013M

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#### Learning area

#### Learning objectives

The purpose of this class is to develop an understanding of the relationship between law and ethics in the health care field. The course aims at giving students skills to tackle ethically sensitive issues, which can occur during their future profession, with an interdisciplinary approach, that takes into account medical, ethical and legal aspects.

#### 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 comprise both their presentation to the class and the slides.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Study materials will be assigned during lessons.

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