UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Ethics and Law

2122-1-H4102D005-H4102D013M

Aims

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

The course aims at enhancing students' skills of critical thinking in addressing ethically sensitive issues.

Contents

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

Detailed program

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

It examines the role of legislation and 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.

Particular attention will be devoted to comparing experiences of various countries.

Prerequisites

Being enrolled in the 1st year of the School of Medicine and Surgery. There are no other special pre-requisites to be fulfilled before sitting the examination.

Teaching form

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

In case of COVID-19 restrictions, possible changes in the teaching method will be communicated via email or on the e-learning platform.

Textbook and teaching resource

Study materials will be assigned during lessons.

When possible, teaching material will be published on the moodle platform.

Semester

I term

Assessment method

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 may be integrated with an oral exam.

In case of COVID-19 restrictions, any changes to the assessment method will be communicated immediately to students via email or through the e-learning platform.

Office hours

appointment scheduled by email