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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Ethics and Law

2526-1-H4104D005-H4104D00501

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

The course aims to analyse the main bioethical issues and to provide students with the methodological tools to develop knowledge and skills useful to find criteria to justify or critically evaluate the legitimacy of political and public decisions, institutions and practices concerning the most relevant moral issues raised in bioethics and biomedicine, enhancing the comparison between different voices.

Detailed program

The course aims to give students an overview of the main concepts of health law and bioethics, such as the right to health and its protection, the doctor-patient relationship, informed consent, termination of pregnancy, medically assisted procreation, end-of-life decisions and other topical issues.
Particular attention will be devoted to comparing experiences in different 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.

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 required to conduct a classroom discussion (with presentations, analysis of case studies) on one of the course topics. At the end of the lectures they will receive an evaluation of their commitment, which will also take into account the writing of a short essay and its oral presentation on a relevant topic of the relationship between ethics and law.

Office hours

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