

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Medical Law and Ethics
Status: Definitive
Code: **6107LAWCL** (121650)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 40
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 160

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	10
Workshop	6

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	2500 words essay	50	
Exam	Exam	2 Hour Unseen Examination	50	2

Aims

To provide students with a conceptual, ethical and legal framework for the analysis of important issues in Medicine and Biotechnology

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify the key legal and ethical issues in contemporary medicine and Biotechnology.
- 2 Demonstrate an awareness of the impact of European Convention jurisprudence on Medical law and Ethics.
- 3 Demonstrate the impact on Medical Law of other disciplines such as politics, theology, economics, anthropology and ethics.
- 4 Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide range of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information.
- 5 Demonstrate the ability to produce an overview of the relevant doctrinal and policy issues.
- 6 Demonstrate the ability to evaluate the arguments of jurists and ethicists in the light of established statute law and judicial decisions.
- 7 Produce substantial answers to examination questions by displaying a sufficient and relevant understanding of the issues and the critiques.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

2500 words essay	1	2	3	4	6
2 Hour Unseen Examination	1	2	5	6	7

Outline Syllabus

- *Philosophical issues in medicine*
- *Consent to treatment*
- *Confidentiality*
- *Transplants and donations of human organs and human tissue*
- *Medically assisted reproduction*
- *Abortion*
- *Sterilisation of the mentally incapacitated*
- *The ending of life*
- *Separating conjoined twins: the ethical considerations*
- *Morality, biotechnology and biomedical human research*

Learning Activities

This Module will be taught by the delivery of lectures, workshops and small group seminars.

Notes

This Module seeks critically to review and analyse the application of universal

ethical, legal and philosophical principles upon which healthcare decisions are made.