

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Medical Ethics

Reference	LL4272	Version	2
Created	June 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To allow students to critically appraise the core principles of biomedical ethics that underpin decision making in biomedicine, medicine, and the legal regulation of these issues.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Critically appraise the ethical principles underlying and justifying actions, and evaluate how these principles underlie scientific, medical and legal decision-making.
- 2 Demonstrate analysis of different approaches taken in selected foreign jurisdictions.
- 3 Critically evaluate moral objections and competing ethical arguments.

### Indicative Module Content

The student will study the underpinning principles, alongside various aspects of biomedicine and medicine which are subjected to legal regulation including: abortion, pre-natal screening and claims of 'wrongful life'; use of genetic information and privacy issues; organ donation and transplantation; non-treatment of the newborn; persistent vegetative state; 'do not resuscitate' orders and living wills; active and passive euthanasia; ethical issues in research and experimentation; ownership of living and dead tissues and cadavers.

### Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

<b>Indicative Student Workload</b>	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

### Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Written coursework exercise				

## MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

### Explanatory Text

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 100% weighting of C1. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	The student needs to achieve an A in C1.
<b>B</b>	The student needs to achieve a B in C1.
<b>C</b>	The student needs to achieve a C in C1.
<b>D</b>	The student needs to achieve a D in C1.
<b>E</b>	The student needs to achieve an E in C1.
<b>F</b>	The student needs to achieve an F in C1.
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

## Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	BS4189 Medical Law

## INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1 BEAUCHAMP, T.L. and CHILDRESS, J.F., 2019. *Principles of biomedical ethics*. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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- 3 STAUCH, M., 2019, *Texts, Cases and Materials on Medical Law* 6th ed. Routledge.
- 4 FARRELL, A. and DOVE, E., 2023. *Mason and McCall Smith's Law and Medical Ethics*. 12th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.