

## Medical Law and Ethics

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The LLM in Medical Law and Medical Ethics is a multi and inter-disciplinary programme that enables students to develop a critical appreciation of the legal and ethical issues raised by medical practice and science.

This course offers students from a wide variety of backgrounds the opportunity to develop their legal knowledge and skills in some of the most intellectually challenging and practically relevant areas of medical law and ethics. Whilst led by the Law School, the course is enabled students to take a number of related modules from other schools, ensuring a broad appreciation of the law and ethics relating to medical practice and science. The programme benefits from the research strength of CELLS, Durham's Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences, which counts many of the leading medical lawyers and ethicists within its members.

During the first two terms of the course, you will study taught modules drawn from a wide variety of topics on medical law and ethics. You then complete your studies by writing a dissertation on a medical law related topic chosen by you and supervised by a member of staff with expertise in your selected subject area. Teaching is a mixture of lectures and smaller, student-led, seminar or tutorial groups. The dissertation is pursued by independent research with individual supervision.

We anticipate that students attending the course will be drawn from a broad range of countries and disciplines and that their previous academic or professional experiences will enrich the course. Membership of the Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences is open to all students on the LLM and they are encouraged to participate in its activities.

### Core Modules

- Contemporary Issues in Medical Law & Ethics – 30 credits.
- Applied Research Methods in Law - 15 credits
- Dissertation – 10,000, 15,000 or 20,000 words (60, 75 or 90 credits respectively) on a Medical Law related topic.

### Optional modules (total of 180 credits)\*

- Advanced Issues in Human Rights ●
- Advanced Issues of International Intellectual Property Law ●
- Anthropology of Global Health ●
- Concepts and Frameworks in the Critical Medical Humanities ●
- Contemporary Issues in Biolaw and Bioethics ●
- Divergence, Deviance, and Disability in 19th Century Literature ●
- Ethics, Medicine and History ●
- Frontiers in Biolaw ●
- Gender Theory & Feminist Philosophy ●
- Illness as Narrative Practice ●
- International Perspectives on Law and Gender ●
- International Protection of Human Rights ●
- Introduction to Intellectual Property Law ●
- Medical Law & Ethics ●
- Neurodiversity and the Humanities ●
- Phenomenology & The Sciences of Mind ●
- Philosophical Issues in Science & Medicine ●
- Protection of Human Rights in Europe ●
- Risk, Science & Communication ●
- Science & The Enlightenment ●
- Social Dimensions of Risk and Resilience ●
- Social Policy and Society ●
- Society, Health and Wellbeing ●

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