

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Global Health Law
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	LAW7135

5	Module Overview
<p>Medical Law and Ethics is an optional module that forms one of your choices on the programme to provide an introduction for you to the ever-growing body of law, policy and ethics concerned with the global health and some of the ethical dilemmas advances in this field.</p> <p>This module focuses on the international law, standards and norms relevant to the protection and advancement of health; including international law adopted by the UN and the WHO; the norms and standards adopted by the WHO through 'soft-law', and human rights law, with particular reference to the right to health, and how they may be achieved through international standards and norms. Substantive content that will be covered includes: international health law-making and the institutional structure of the relevant international organs; health security threats and the legal framework for responding to them (including the spread of infectious diseases and man-made and natural disasters); global health inequalities, the ethical impetuses for reducing the inequalities and the legal challenges to achieving this; access to healthcare services and essential medicines; the tensions between international trade and the protection of health; the right to health in international law; biosecurity and the control of biological materials with human pandemic potential; Health and Human Rights.</p> <p>This module will be delivered through face-to-face teaching and blended VLE provision. On campus students will attend weekly student-led/tutor-facilitated seminars and complete various activities. Distance learning students will complete weekly VLE activities.</p> <p>This module is interdisciplinary in the way it evaluates the legal issues in the context of human rights, ethics and medicine.</p> <p>Employability skills are promoted through the use of debate skills in the delivery of the module, to encourage you to use a broad range of communication skills in their learning.</p> <p>The international focus of this module is in line with the programme aim of internationalization.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>This module covers a range of international actors in the field of health law and governance such as the WHO, WTO, and the Global Fund. A range of contemporary topics in this area will be addressed such as infectious disease global health security and NCD's. Students will be invited to evaluate contemporary challenges based on communicate their understanding based on the theoretical knowledge gained.</p>	

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Critically evaluate the theoretical debates and issues surrounding global health law.
	2	Critically analyze the nature and functions of the legal frameworks regulating international health including its development from a historical and contemporary perspective.
	3	Critically evaluate the role of international health law in improving health outcomes, with particular reference to health outcomes in developing states.
	4	Formulate and communicate solutions in the context of Global Health Law.

8		Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome		Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 - 4		X		

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		24	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		24	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		152	
Total Study Hours:		200	