

# LAWS70259 Medical Ethics

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: April, Parkville - Taught on campus. September, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Contact:</b>	For the most up-to-date information about this subject, contact the Melbourne Law Masters Office by email at <a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a> or phone 8344 6190 or alternatively visit the subject website: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au">www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The current revolution in bioethical reasoning and methods in bioethics</li> <li># Making good medical-moral judgments for self and others</li> <li># Abortion</li> <li># Euthanasia</li> <li># Regulation of research, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stem cell research and cloning</li> <li>- Transgenesis and human-non-human chimeras</li> </ul> </li> <li># Sale of biological material and body parts</li> <li># Regulation of doping in sport</li> <li># Reproductive cloning</li> <li># Human enhancement</li> <li># Genetic selection</li> <li># Coercion in reproduction.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Understand the nature of ethical argumentation</li> <li># Be able to identify ethical issues and construct arguments relevant to their practical resolution</li> <li># Be able to engage in ethical debate and evaluate arguments</li> <li># Understand basic ethical theories and concepts</li> <li># Understand the difference between ethics and law in medical matters</li> <li># Understand how ethical principles are relevant to law</li> <li># Understand the modes of moral reasoning that are used in health care ethics, health care policy and in different parts of the world, including Australia</li> <li># Be able to apply the foregoing tools to practical clinical problems and problems of health law.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Five-minute oral presentation and 10-minute questions (in class) (5%) 10,000 word research paper (95%) (8 July) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Visit the subject website for more information
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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