



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW- 327	Course Title Medical Law and Bioethics	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall / Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Nikolaos Koumoutzis	Year of Study 3 rd or 4 th
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

Introduce students to legal and ethical issues related with medical practice.

Special emphasis is placed on core areas of the field such as medical assistance to human reproduction, the patient's informed consent to the medical treatment, the liability in case of medical mistakes, the interventions of medicine in the end of life.

As part of the course, relevant case law, comparative law and European law, are also given consideration.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Have gained good knowledge of the normative framework of Medical Law and Bioethics
2. Demonstrate understanding of the legal-ethical dilemmas arising in the context of medical decision-making
3. Be able to engage in debates concerning the above subject matters, formulating well-reasoned and coherent arguments

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Medical Law and Bioethics
2. Medical assistance to human reproduction
 - Preimplantation genetic diagnosis
 - Cloning
 - Reproduction post mortem & Reproduction through surrogacy
3. The informed consent of the patient to the medical treatment
4. Medical liability
 - Legal nature
 - A liability of service providers
 - The medical fault (causing harm-death of the patient / wrongful life / wrongful birth)
5. Medical interventions in the end of life
 - Euthanasia & Advance directives
 - Assisted suicide
 - Organ transplantations

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials

Assessment Methods:

Participation
Written examinations (midterm and final)

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Medical Law and Ethics (5th ed.)</i>	Herring J.	Oxford University Press, UK	2014	9780198747659
<i>Medical Law. Text, Cases and Materials (4th ed.)</i>	Jackson E.	Oxford University Press, UK	2016	9780198743507

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>The Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics</i>	Singer P./Viens A. (eds.)	Cambridge University Press	2008	9780511545566
<i>The Oxford Handbook of Bioethics</i>	Steinbock B. (ed.)	Oxford University Press, UK	2007	9780199273355
<i>Principles of Biomedical Ethics (7th ed.)</i>	Beauchamp T./Childress J.	Oxford University Press, UK	2013	9780199924585
<i>Life's Dominion. An Argument about Abortion, Euthanasia and Individual Freedom</i>	Dworkin R.	Vintage Books, USA	1994	9780679733195