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LLM Medical Law and Ethics



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**Masters programme in Medical Law and Ethics via distance learning from one of the world's leading international medical law and ethics centres.**

Edinburgh Law School was among the first in the United Kingdom and elsewhere to offer teaching on the legal and ethical issues arising out of the practice and provision of medicine, when it established its Medical Jurisprudence course in 1980. The School is the home to the authors of Mason and McCall-Smith's *Law and Medical Ethics*: the first and leading textbook on medico-legal issues, and is the seat of a thriving research and teaching community which is held in the highest esteem for its contributions to medical-legal debate.

The new Masters degree in Medical Law and Ethics draws on the expertise and tradition of Edinburgh to deliver an internationally focussed, interdisciplinary programme of courses that combines flexible learning with the most up-to-date teaching on all of the important issues affecting medicine, law and ethics today.

The core programme takes students from the fundamental constitutive elements of medical law, being consent, confidentiality, negligence and human rights, through ethically and legally sensitive issues of abortion, fertility treatment, futile treatment and euthanasia. We then move onto contemporary issues surrounding genetic testing, genomic medicine, access to new treatments and resource allocation. Finally, we will look at international dimensions of the provisions of health care and the control of threats to human health and safety from public health emergencies such as HIV/AIDS, SARS and avian flu.

This fully integrated programme brings together theory and practice from medicine, law and ethics to address the contemporary challenges of healthcare, professional practice and patient rights.

Students will benefit from the expertise of a multidisciplinary team of tutors. The programme structure requires students to take the four core medical law and ethics modules. Other teaching modules may then be built into the programme to enrich students' learning. These currently include modules on intellectual property law and IT law. Options to select courses in translational medicine and e-health are also being developed.



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This unique programme offers an exceptionally wide range of choice across all aspects of medicine, law and ethics and a flexible approach to learning that is tailored to each student's needs.

Students are required to complete a total of six modules (120 credit points) and complete a dissertation (60 credit points) over their chosen period of study.

## Core modules

**Medical Ethics and the Law – Fundamental Issues in Consent and Negligence**

**Medical Ethics and the Law – Start and End of Life Issues**

**Biotechnology, Law & Society**

**International Public Health Law & Security**

Additional modules can be selected from:

**Intellectual Property Law 1 – Copyright and Related Rights**

**Intellectual Property Law 2 – Industrial Property**

**International Intellectual Property**

**Managing Intellectual Property**

**Information: Control and Power**

**Information Technology Law**

**International IP & IT Institutions, Law and Policy**

**Intellectual Property and Technology – Developing Countries**

**Information Technology, Investigation, and Evidence**

**Forensic Computing and Electronic Evidence**

## Dissertation

**Medical Law and Ethics**

For more detailed module information, please see [www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/teaching/llm](http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/teaching/llm)

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Modules are available according to semester and are subject to change.

