International Program – Global Health Leadership

Course Name: Ethical Dilemmas and Human Rights in Public Health 286.4738

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1. **Course description:** This course will address a range of issues in public health ethics. The first part of the course will provide an introduction to key ethical frameworks and concepts relevant to public health. It will also describe the overlap and distinctions between public health and medical ethics. The remainder of the course will examines the impact of health policies and programs on human rights and will consider ethical dilemmas in several areas, including: 1) questions of autonomy and paternalism; 2) communicable diseases – screening, treatment, notification, quarantine; 3) health promotion & disease prevention; 4) Non-communicable diseases – smoking and obesity; 5) research ethics; 6) human rights; and 7) emerging issues in public health ethics.

2. **Course objectives (for students):**

   2.1. Understanding of the unique characteristics of public health ethics;

   2.2. Knowledge of public health legal framework;

   2.3. Acquisition of tools for the evaluation of public health interventions’ ethical and legal statues.

3. **Duration of the course:** 2 academic hours semesterial course

   3.1. Dates:

   3.2. Times:

4. **Prerequisites:** none

5. **Course requirements:**
5.1. Attendance at lectures and seminars

5.2. Oral presentation.

6. **Calculation of final grade:** 100% oral presentation

7. **Text-books:**

8. **Topics and Required Reading:**

8.1. **Introduction – ethics and society**


8.2. **Case discussion – obesity**

S. Holm, (2007) Obesity interventions and ethics, in *Obesity Reviews* 8 (Suppl. 1), 207–210

8.3. **The legal balance Between the public’s health and individual rights**

L.O. Gostin et.al. (2003 )"The Law and the Public's Health: The Foundations", in *Law in Public Health Practice* (Goodman et al. eds.,) pp. 3-22.

8.4 **Case discussion – Vaccines**


8.5 **Classical Public Health – Combating Pandemics**


8.6 Modern public health – Reducing exposure to tobacco and smoking


**G. Lien, K. DeLand,** (2011) Translating the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC): Can We Use Tobacco Control as a Model for Other Non-Communicable Disease Control?, *Public Health* 125(12), pp.847-853