

Courses in Healthcare Ethics and Law:

Distance learning or campus-based?

	Distance learning	Campus-based
Delivery	Specially designed interactive materials, online materials and discussions, multimedia resources, regular support from staff and full access to the University Library including e-journals and e-books.	Face to face lectures and seminars and discussions supported by online discussions, multimedia resources, regular support from staff and full access to the University Library including e-journals and e-books.
Assessment	Essays and dissertation for LLM and MA.	
Attendance	No attendance required but an optional study day a year at no extra cost and attendance to face to face lectures possible on request.	Attendance required for face-to-face lectures and seminars will be on average about 8-10 hours a week in term time for full time students and 4-5 hours for part-time students.
Full time/part time?	You can only do the distance learning course part-time (24-27 months for the MA/LLM, slightly shorter for the PG Diploma and around a year for the PG Certificate).	Full time: 1 year Part time: 2 years
How much time does it take?	Part time study is expected to take around 15 hours a week and full time about 30 hours a week (of course this is an approximation and actual time spent on this course will depend on previous experiences, reading speed and other factors)	
Cost	<p>MA/LLM: UK/EU students: £6,500 over two years. International students: £14,500 over two years.</p> <p>PGDiploma: UK/EU students £4,332 over two years. International students: £9,330 over two years</p> <p>PG Certificate: UK/EU students: £2,166 over two years. International students: £4,833 over 2 years.</p>	<p>MA/LLM: UK/EU students: £6,500 1 year FT or over two years PT. International students: £14,500 1 year FT.</p> <p>PGDiploma: UK/EU students £4,322 1 year FT or over two years PT. International students: £9,666 1 year FT.</p> <p>PG Certificate: UK/EU students: £2,166 1 year FT or over two years PT. International students: £4,833 1 year FT.</p> <p><i>Please note that international students are not eligible to study a campus-based course part time.</i></p>

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Award	MA, LLM, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate. [We also provide non-award bearing CPD courses - contact us for details]	
Support	One-to-one support from tutors on all courses taken, peer support on discussion boards and one-to-one supervision for those completing a dissertation.	Support from lecturers and seminar takers, peer support in classes and on online discussion boards and one-to-one supervision for those completing a dissertation.
What course units do I study for the MA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) • Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) • International Issues in Healthcare Ethics and Law (30 credits) <p>And two of the follow course units (one from each group):</p> <p><i>(Group 1)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) • Research Ethics (15 credits) <p><i>(Group 2)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Law and Policy (15 credits) • Ethics and Genetics (15 credits) • + ethics or law based dissertation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) • Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) • Ethico-Legal Problems in Health Care Practice (15 credits) • Ethics and Genetics (15 credits) • Research Ethics (15 credits) <p>And one other option from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Medicine and the Law (15 credits) • Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) • Mental Health Law and Policy (15 credits) • +ethics or law based dissertation
What course units do I study for the LLM?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) • Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) • International Issues in Healthcare Ethics and Law (30 credits) • Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) • Mental Health Law and Policy (15 credits) • + law based dissertation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) • Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) • Ethico-Legal Problems in Health Care Practice (15 credits) <p>And three options (two of which must be starred * law options) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Children Medicine and the Law (15 credits) • *Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) • *Mental Health Law and Policy (15 credits) • Ethics and Genetics (15 credits) • Research Ethics (15 credits) • + law based dissertation

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What course units do I study for the Postgraduate Diploma?	The same courses as for the MA or LLM but without the dissertation. If your coursework is successful you can apply to transfer to the MA/LLM and complete the dissertation.	
What course units do I study for the Postgraduate Certificate?	<p><i>PG Certificate in Healthcare ethics</i> Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) Research Ethics (15 credits) Ethics and Genetics (15 credits)</p> <p><i>PG Certificate in Healthcare Law</i> Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) Mental Health Law and Policy (15 credits)</p>	<p><i>PG Certificate in Healthcare ethics</i> Philosophical Bioethics (30 credits) Research Ethics (15 credits) Genetics and Ethics (15 credits)</p> <p><i>PG Certificate in Healthcare Law</i> Medico-Legal Problems (30 credits) Medicine, Law and Society (15 credits) Children, Medicine and Law (15 credits)</p>
Entry requirement LLM/MA:	Upper second class (2:1) honours degree or the overseas equivalent in a relevant discipline (e.g. medicine, law, philosophy, nursing, religious studies). Candidates without a first degree may register initially for the PG Diploma or Certificate and will be considered for transfer to the LLM or MA.	
Entry requirement Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate:	Candidates will be accepted upon demonstrating relevant skills and attributes in this area to be decided by the Programme Director. Thus a first degree is not always necessary but a 2:2 in a first degree is an advantage.	
English language requirements:	All applicants must be proficient in the use of the English language. Where English is not your first language we require: 7.0 IELTS with a minimum writing score of 7, or an equivalent score in the IBT- TOEFL, PEARSON, or Cambridge CAE.	
What opportunities will this course lead to?	<p>Students completing our courses do so for many reasons. A number join the MA after their first degree in a whole range of subjects. Many are mid-career healthcare professionals and lawyers who wish to explore ethical and legal issues they have encountered in the course of their work. This course will help them to do this and perhaps guide others. Some students see the MA as a way of changing their career to pursue a career in ethics and law, perhaps continuing to a PhD in this area. Several of the Centre staff started their academic careers this way. Others choose to complete the MA as part of their professional development and/or to play a part in policy making in health care..</p> <p>If you would like to discuss this issue in more detail please contact Professor Becki Bennett (rebecca.bennett@manchester.ac.uk), for more information relevant to your situation.</p>	

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Are these courses suitable for me even though I have not studied ethics or law before?	Many of the students we have on these courses will not have previously studied ethics or law, or both. They are designed so that you do not need any prior knowledge or experience in these areas.	
I do not live in England. Will I learn about the relevant law applicable in the country in which I live?	While much of the course is based on English law, we have introduced a new core course unit, <i>International Issues in Healthcare Law and Ethics</i> . This involves consideration of both national laws and broader international regulation. Topics considered include the regulation of biotechnology and surrogacy. If you would like more information about this aspect of the courses do contact us.	The course is based on English law. Sometimes other jurisdictions are referred to, particularly those which have a similar common law system to that used in England (e.g., Australia, Canada, New Zealand). While, the emphasis is currently on English law we are working to develop a new course unit on <i>International issues in Healthcare Law and Ethics</i> along similar lines to the distance learning course now available.
Are there any funding opportunities?	There are a number of funding opportunities available for students for our courses in Healthcare Ethics and Law. You can find information about this funding here: http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/fees/postgraduate-taught/ethics-students/	
When do the courses start?	All the courses start each September.	
When do I need to apply by?	The earlier you apply the better in order to get a place. You should try and apply by 15 August but if you are later do get in touch and there may be a chance of a late application.	
What if I have further questions?	If you have any further questions do get in touch with us. Professor Becki Bennett is happy to answer any questions either by phone +44 (0) 161 275 2489 or by email rebecca.bennett@manchester.ac.uk	