

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	MEDICINE AND THE LAW		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	LW3902 (L6)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT		

### MODULE AIMS

The module aims to give students an understanding of the law as it applies to the complex relationship between doctors and patients; and, by using statutory provisions, legal judgements and professional guidelines, analyse the extent and limitations of the law in this context. Furthermore, it aims to compare and analyse the legal rules applicable in key contextual areas and the policy underlying those rules.

### MODULE CONTENT

**Indicative syllabus content:**

- Abortion
- Assisted Reproduction
- Access to Health Records
- Definition of Death
- Euthanasia
- Information Disclosure
- Medical Confidentiality
- Medical Consent
- Medical Futility
- Medical Negligence
- Organ Procurement
- Surrogacy

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

**On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:**

1. Explain key legal principles and apply them to the analysis of the relationship between doctor and patient.
2. Select and apply relevant statutory provisions, legal judgements and professional guidelines to medical scenarios and draw conclusions.
3. Analyse the impact of issues of policy within which the law operates in this area.
4. Articulate orally in group discussion, and in writing, legal arguments that convey a contextual and critical understanding of contentious legal issues.
5. Demonstrate skills of expression, research, and communicate in an evidenced and well-structured manner.

### TEACHING METHODS

Campus delivery will be organised around lectures and workshops. Lectures will introduce new legal ideas and concepts and build an outline of the structure of legal rules and principles. Further reading of cases and statutes in secondary and primary legal sources will consolidate and expand the breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding. Small group workshops will allow students to test their level and range of understanding and reflect formatively on areas of strength and weakness. Workshops will also develop and support general legal techniques and skills in support of legal reading, analysis, writing, drafting and note taking, legal problem solving through IRAC type techniques, as well as test formative knowledge and understanding. Summative assessment will focus on the accuracy of synoptic knowledge across the whole syllabus and evaluate legal problem-solving skills and the ability to create structured legal arguments that draw reasoned conclusions through factual scenarios that raise key legal issues from the syllabus. Module support materials (lecture outlines lecture recordings, Office Mix presentations, Power-point slides, workshop questions, cases, case materials, technique and skills materials, exemplar assessments) will be located on a dedicated module virtual learning environment, which will also be used as the repository for assessment submission, student communication, and e-discussion boards.

## **ASSESSMENT METHODS**

This module is assessed through one Written Assignment and one Critical review and oral defence.