

Health Law & Bioethics Concentration

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Beginning in Fall 2006, Law students at the University of Minnesota Law School may declare a concentration in their area of interest. The Health Law & Bioethics Concentration allows students to focus their studies on health care delivery, public health law and ethics, international health, or issues in bioethics. Concentrations are available to all JD and LLM students, including those pursuing dual degrees. Students who have successfully completed the Concentration will receive a special certificate upon graduation. The Law School is seeking approval so that students may also request that their transcript state that the requirements of the Concentration have been fulfilled.

To enroll in the Health Law & Bioethics Concentration, students should notify the Coordinator, Carol Rachac, of their intention to pursue the Concentration. Students are encouraged to declare their intent as early as possible in their Law School career, but may declare as late as the beginning of the semester prior to their submission of the Law School's Graduation Assessment Form (sent to all 3Ls every October). No student may declare more than two Concentrations and no particular course may count for more than one Concentration.

In order to receive a special certificate at the time of graduation, a student must identify his/her intention to satisfy the requirements of the Concentration on the Graduation Assessment Form. At least two months prior to their graduation date, students must notify the Faculty Chair of all courses taken, grades received, other activities undertaken, and their expected fulfillment of the requirements of the Concentration. The Faculty Chair will send a memo to the Registrar confirming that the student has fulfilled the requirements of the Concentration.

The Health Law & Bioethics concentration requires 12 credits and a combination of required and recommended courses. Students must achieve a grade of 3.0 or better in all required and recommended courses; courses must be taken as "graded" rather than on a "pass/fail" basis. Some of these courses may be taken outside the Law School, consistent with the Law School policy on credits taken outside the Law School (see Rule 3.3 in the Law School's Rules of Scholastic Requirements and Rule 8.3 if pursuing joint degrees) and consistent with the requirements below. Only courses approved by the Faculty Chair may be counted towards the Concentration. Each JD or LLM student who wishes to be recognized for his or her work in a Concentration must take at least one course, seminar, or independent study in which there is a significant writing/research component of at least 25 pages in length in the Concentration area(s). Note that courses listed below may not be offered every year and are subject to change. It is up to the student to make sure that s/he fulfills the requirements of the Concentration. Please check with the Concentration Coordinator for updates on courses and requirements.

Requirements:

One course on the law of health care delivery. Courses meeting this requirement include the following:

- Law 6402--Food & Drug Law (2-3 credits)
- Law 6605--Health Law (3 credits)
- Law 6821--Seminar: Food and Drug Law (2 credits)
- Law 6878--Seminar: Managed Health Care (2 credits)
- Law 6919--Seminar: Health Care Fraud and Abuse (2 credits)

One introductory bioethics course. Courses meeting this requirement include the following:

- Law 6824--Seminar: Genetics & Assisted Reproduction: Law and Ethics (2 credits)
- Law 6853--Seminar: Law, Biomedicine & Bioethics (2 credits)
- BTHX 5000--Topics in Bioethics (1-4 credits) [course topic & credits varies; 2 credit minimum to count towards introductory bioethics requirement]
- BTHX 5010--Bioethics Proseminar (2 credits) (not yet offered)
- BTHX 5100--Introduction to Clinical Ethics (3 credits)
- BTHX 5210--Ethics of Human Subjects Research (3 credits)
- BTHX 5300--Foundations of Bioethics (3 credits) (not yet offered)
- BTHX 5325/Phil 5325--Biomedical Ethics (3 credits)
- BTHX 5400--Introduction to Bioethics in Health Policy (3 credits) (not yet offered)
- BTHX 8114--Ethical and Legal Issues in Genetic Counseling (3 credits)

Students may complete the remainder of the 12 credits necessary for this Concentration by taking any further of the above-listed courses or any of the recommended courses listed below:

Recommended Courses--Law School:

- Law 6244--Introduction to Employee Benefits (2 credits)
- Law 6604--Family Law (3 credits)
- Law 6606--Administrative Law (3 credits)
- Law 6625--Disability in the Workplace (3 credits)
- Law 6631--Employment Discrimination (3 credits)
- Law 6634--Regulated Industries (3 credits)
- Law 6826--Advanced Administrative Law (2 credits)
- Law 6827--Seminar: Women's International Human Rights (2 credits)
- Law 6832--Seminar: Legal Aspects of Technology (2 credits)
- Law 6860--Seminar: Obligation to Life (2 credits)
- Law 6862--Seminar: Sexual Orientation and the Law (2 credits)
- Law 6886--International Human Rights Law (3 credits)
- Law 6917--Seminar: Children and Family Formation (2 credits)
- Law 6214--Insurance Law (2 credits)
- Law 7608--Independent Study (1-3 credits)

Recommended Courses--Outside the Law School:

- BTHX 5610--Bioethics Research and Publication Seminar (1 credit) (not yet offered)
- BTHX 5620--Social Context of Health & Illness (3 credits)
- BTHX 5900--Independent Study in Bioethics (1-4 credits)

- BTHX 8000--Advanced Topics in Bioethics (1-4 credits)
- BTHX 8900--Advanced Independent Study in Bioethics (1-4 credits)
- BTHX 8510--Gender and the Politics of Health (3 credits)
- BTHX 8610--Medical Consumerism (3 credits)
- GCD 8073--Advanced Human Genetics (formerly Lectures in Psychological Genetic Counseling and Ethics Considerations in Genetic Medicine) (3 credits)
- HMed 5002--Public Health Issues in Historical Perspective (3 credits)
- HMed 5045--Modern Medical Profession (3 credits)
- HMed 5201--History of Medicine from 1700 to 1900 (3 credits)
- HMed 5055--Women, Health, and History (3 credits)
- Medicine 7598--Biomedical Ethics Independent Study (3-6 credits)
- Nurs 8140--Moral and Ethical Positions in Nursing (3 credits)
- Nurs 8152--Moral and Ethical Developments in Nursing Science (2 credits)
- Phil 4607W--Philosophy of the Biological Sciences (3 credits)
- Phil 8320--Seminar: Medical Ethics (3 credits)
- PubH 6055--Social Inequalities in Health (2 credits)
- PubH 6282--Emerging Infectious Disease: Current Policy Issues, Policies, and Controversies (3 credits)
- PubH 6556 (formerly Healthcare Administration 6756)--Health and Health Systems (2 credits)
- PubH 6564 (formerly Healthcare Administration 6764)--Managed Care (2 credits)
- PubH 6596--Legal Considerations in Health Services Organizations (3 credits)
- PubH 6711--Public Health Law
- PubH 6726--Medical Device Industry: Business and Public Policy (3 credits)
- PubH 6741--Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1 credit)
- PubH 6742--Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (1 credit)
- PubH 6832--Economics of the Health Care System (3 credits)
- PubH 6835--Health Services Policy (2 credits)
- PubH 8803--Long-Term Care: Principles, Programs, and Policies (2 credits)
- PubH 8820--Health Economics I (3 credits)
- PubH 8821--Health Economics II (3 credits)

A student may petition the Faculty Chair to count a course not listed here if the course will substantially further the student's understanding of this Concentration's subject matter. The student should submit that petition before taking the course.

Concentration Core Faculty—Law School:

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| • Prof. Stephen F. Befort, JD | • Prof. Ruth Okediji, LLB, LLM, SJD |
| • Prof. Brian Bix, DPhil, JD (Law; Philosophy) | • Prof. Jordan Paradise, JD (Adjunct) |
| • Prof. Dan L. Burk, JD, JSM, MS (Law; Bioethics) | • Prof. Kathryn J. Sedo, JD |
| • Prof. Dale Carpenter, JD | • Prof. David S. Weissbrodt, JD |
| • Prof. Ralph Hall, JD (Visiting) | • Prof. Susan M. Wolf, JD (Law; Medicine; Bioethics) |
| • Prof. Jill Hasday, JD | • Prof. Judith T. Younger, JD, LLD |
| • Prof. Michelle Goodwin, JD, LLM | |

Concentration Core Faculty—Outside the Law School:

- Prof. Dianne Bartels, RN, MA, PhD (Bioethics)
- Prof. Muriel Bebeau, PhD (Dentistry; Bioethics; Educational Psychology)
- Prof. Debra DeBruin, PhD, DGS (Bioethics; Medicine)
- Prof. Carl Elliott, MD, PhD (Bioethics; Pediatrics; Philosophy)
- Prof. John Eyler, PhD (History of Medicine)
- Prof. Susan Bartlett Foote, JD, MA (Health Services Research and Policy)
- Prof. Jennifer L. Gunn, PhD (History of Medicine)
- Prof. Sarah Holtman, PhD, JD (Philosophy)
- Prof. William D. Hueston, DVM, PhD (Veterinary Population Medicine; Public Health)
- Prof. Susan D. Jones, PhD, DVM (Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior)
- Prof. Jeffrey P. Kahn, PhD, MPH (Bioethics; Medicine; Public Health; Philosophy)
- Prof. Rosalie Kane, DSW (Public Health; Social Work; Bioethics)
- Prof. Barbara Koenig, PhD (Mayo Clinic & University of Minnesota; Bioethics)
- Prof. Joan Liaschenko, RN, PhD (Bioethics; Nursing)
- Prof. Mary Faith Marshall, PhD (Bioethics; Medicine)
- Prof. Michelle Mason, PhD (Philosophy)
- Prof. Steven H. Miles, MD (Bioethics; Medicine)
- Prof. Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH (Public Health)
- Prof. Ed Ratner, MD (Bioethics; Medicine)
- Prof. John Song, MD, MPH, MAT (Bioethics; Medicine)
- Prof. Valerie Tiberius, PhD (Philosophy)
- Prof. Maryam Valapour, MD (Medicine; Bioethics)
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