COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the fundamental principles of health law and policy in Canada. Students will learn about the regulatory framework of the Canadian healthcare system and the health professions, as well as the legal and ethical rules governing healthcare practice. The course will cover important contemporary issues around such topics as privacy, confidentiality and access to health information, legal capacity and decision-making, end of life decision-making, medical negligence law, and the regulation of women’s reproductive health. Attention will be paid to the role of law and its limits in the healthcare of racialized and marginalized populations. At the end of the course, students will be equipped with the legal skills to deal with the real life problems and sometimes profound issues arising from this important, though complex area of law.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Teaching will be done primarily through interactive lectures. Students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions. Success in this course will weigh heavily on class attendance and preparation through the completion of readings and other assigned materials for the course. Where possible, guest lecturers will be invited.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thoughtful and Critical In-Class Group Presentation: 30%

Essay Paper: 70%

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