



Global Health Law: A Primer for Health Students, Practitioners, & Professionals

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Effective laws and policies are critical to the advancement of health globally. From infectious and non-communicable diseases to the equitable uptake of health-related technologies, law and policies can contribute to addressing major contemporary health challenges. Despite this, in many countries, legislation and practices are antiquated and at times even hostile to the goals of promoting health and access to medicine. For the advancement of health to become a reality for all, it is crucial that all health professionals, including medical students, health practitioners and others have the tools to address and navigate the complex relationship between global health and law.

The goal of this course is to provide the legal knowledge public health, health policy and law students, medical practitioners, and other professionals need to harness the power of law as a tool to improve global public health.

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CONTENT

This course offers an introduction to the fundamental elements of global health law and policy. It considers the form and function of global health and provides an introduction to how laws and policies interact with emerging issues in global health today. Where however, many faculties approach this course, from a perspective on the present and the foundations of the field, this course endeavors to also consider its future. Key topics include: the role of the WHO in global health governance, the framework convention on tobacco control, global health and human rights, international frameworks for pandemic preparedness, ethical implications of mobile health-care applications, and the role of law and governance in matters of genomics.

The course will be taught in seminar style, complemented by thematic class discussions and case studies. Through class lectures, case studies, and discussions, students will be asked to reflect on the complex relationship between law and its interaction with emerging health concerns.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Reflect upon the role of international law and human rights in global health.
- Discuss the role different international actors and institutions play in enforcing health.
- Understand the ethical, legal, and social implications of genomic research.
- Apply legal and ethical concepts to analyze different matters of public health.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Health practitioners and medical students
- Public health and health policy students
- Law students
- Professionals interested in international/global health policies
- Community advocates and civil society
- Health care corporates
- Professionals from international health and law organizations

COURSE FORMAT

Hybrid. The course will be taught live to both in-person and online participants approximately 9:00am-12:30pm (Montreal time) each day June 3-7, 2024. Live content will be recorded and available until July 1, 2024.

ENROLMENT

Limited to 50 online participants and 50 in-person participants.

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