

Course Title:	Bioethics Foundations (MMPH6212)
Department offering the course:	Department of Law/ School of Public Health
Course co-ordinator:	Ms Daisy Cheung
Objective:	<p>This course aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offer an introduction to the fundamentals of bioethics; • enable students to locate current questions of policy and law within a broader academic context by making connections to moral and legal philosophy as well as to bioethics.
Content:	<p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional approaches to bioethics and relevant basics of legal and philosophical theory; • Non-Western perspectives; • Using philosophical tools to examine legal, ethical, and economic and policy dimensions of questions in bioethics; • Rationing in modern health care systems, organ transplantation, the use of reproductive technology and human enhancement.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of the module, the students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locate both abstract bioethical concepts and applied clinical problems and legal cases within the broader framework of moral philosophy and legal theory; • develop critical thinking skills and ability to effectively and comfortably use concepts and language of moral philosophy and legal theory in discussion and writing to analyze legal, policy, social and clinical problems; • build legal and academic writing ability through class reflection assignments; • develop ability to debate bioethical and medico-legal questions.
Prerequisite:	None
Duration:	1 semester; 33 class hours
Continuous Assessment:	Class participation (30%)
Examination method/duration:	Take-home final examination (70%)

