Course Title:

Introduction to Medical Law (MMPH6213)

Department offering the course:

Department of Law/ School of Public Health

Objective:

This course aims to:

introduce students without a legal background to the legal system and legal methods and the law of tort.

Content:

Topics include:

Legal system and legal methods;

Basic introduction to the concept of civil liability in tort, as well as a brief overview of the tort of

negligence within it.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the module, the students are expected to:

acquire a basic understanding of the framework of the Basic Law, the legal system and the structures of the administration of justice in Hong Kong;

understand the principal sources of law in Hong Kong (ordinances, subsidiary legislation and other sources of written law, and the common law) and the differences between them and how the common law operates, and how it is applied in Hong Kong;

familiarize themselves with the distinctions between civil and common law systems as well as the sources of international law;

understand the role of precedent and the sources of and governmental authority, and the distinctions between procedural and substantive law;

develop understanding of basic legal concepts, build analytical skills, hone skills for reading cases and statutes and apply legal rules to fact patterns.

Prerequisite:

None

Duration:

1 semester; 30-36 class hours

Continuous Assessment:

Class participation (30%)

Examination method/

duration:

Take-home examination (70%)

