

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Mental Disability and the Law (MMPH6214)</b>
<b>Department offering the course:</b>	Department of Law/ School of Public Health
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>This course aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deal with the relationship between mental disability and the law, examining various aspects of how the law deals with those with mental disability in both the civil and criminal context;</li> <li>• address the key ethical principles underlying mental health law, as well as the international human rights instruments that have had or should have an impact on the development of mental health law.</li> </ul>
<b>Content:</b>	<p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental disability and legislative frameworks that govern mental health;</li> <li>• Topics in civil mental health law, including compulsory treatment and mental capacity law;</li> <li>• Topics in criminal mental health law, including police powers and criminal defences.</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>On completion of the module, the students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand mental disability and key legislative frameworks governing mental health;</li> <li>• understand how the law treats those with mental disability in both the civil and criminal context, and build ability to critically examine the law's strengths and weaknesses in these areas;</li> <li>• develop and apply critical thinking skills when considering key ethical concepts related to mental health law, such as autonomy, paternalism and public safety and effectively use such concepts in analyzing mental health regimes such as compulsory treatment in the hospital and in the community;</li> <li>• build legal and academic writing ability through class reflection assignments and acquire skills for conducting independent academic research and writing the dissertation.</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	None
<b>Duration:</b>	1 semester; 33 class hours
<b>Continuous Assessment:</b>	Class participation (30%)
<b>Examination method/ duration:</b>	Take-home examination (70%)

