



MEDI2400

Foundations in Ethics and Society

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Macquarie Medical School

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
MEDI103 or MEDI1400

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit focuses on the core knowledge and skills that underpin a career in health care as a researcher, manager, or practitioner. In this unit, you will explore and reflect on professionalism in the health context focusing on the principles and ethics in health care and research, and the individual and social determinants of health. Learning activities will include interactive tutorials, online activities, and expert lectures. Through this unit, you will continue your development as a reflective learner with a focus on the graduate capability of an ethical and reflective professional.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Apply critical thinking, written and verbal communication, evidence-based practice, teamwork, and reflection in relation to life-long learning in clinical science.

ULO2: Explain the relationship between the individual, society and health.

ULO3: Apply and relate ethical principles to clinical science research and practice.

General Assessment Information

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the [Macquarie University Assessment Policy](#).

All final grades are determined by a grading committee, in accordance with the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded a final grade and a mark, which must correspond to the grade descriptors specified in the [Assessment Procedure](#) (clause 127).

To pass this unit, you must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, meet any ungraded requirements, and achieve a final mark of 50 or better.

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

Late Submissions

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MARK) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up to the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For example:

Number of days (hours) late	Total Possible Marks	Deduction	Raw mark	Final mark
1 day (1-24 hours)	100	5	75	70
2 days (24-48 hours)	100	10	75	65
3 days (48-72 hours)	100	15	75	60
7 days (144-168 hours)	100	35	75	40
>7 days (>168 hours)	100	—	75	0

Late submission of time sensitive tasks, such as timetabled tests/exams, scheduled performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs, will be addressed by the unit convenor in a special consideration application.

Special Consideration

If you are unable to complete an assessment task on or by the specified date due to circumstances that are unexpected, unavoidable, significantly disruptive and beyond your control, you may apply for special consideration in accordance with the [Special Consideration Po](#)

licy. Applications for special consideration must be supported by appropriate evidence and submitted to Service Connect at connect.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Discussion forum and online task participation	10%	No	Weekly
Reflective Portfolio Assessment	30%	No	Week 1, Week 2 and Exam Period
Quiz Assessment	20%	No	Week 2 and Week 4
Public Health Campaign	30%	No	Week 3 and Week 5
Socratic discussion	10%	No	Week 5

Discussion forum and online task participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Participation will be marked based upon completion of activities on the iLearn page.

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Reflective Portfolio Assessment

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 1, Week 2 and Exam Period**

Weighting: **30%**

Reflective writing tasks demonstrating progress against capability statements in the portfolio.

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Quiz Assessment

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Week 2 and Week 4**

Weighting: **20%**

Two short in-class quizzes using MCQs and SAQs to assess lecture, tutorial and reading material conducted under exam conditions. Each quiz is worth 10%

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Public Health Campaign

Assessment Type ¹: Media presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **Week 3 and Week 5**

Weighting: **30%**

A group assessment involving the production of a public health campaign video that is inclusive of the individual and social determinants of health.

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Socratic discussion

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Week 5**

Weighting: **10%**

Ethical dilemma in class discussion with written notes allowed.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

As a student enrolled in MEDI2400 Foundations in Ethics and Society, you will engage in a range of online and face-to-face learning activities, including readings, online modules, videos, lectures and weekly tutorials. Details can be found on the MEDI2400 iLearn site.

There is no textbook for this unit and readings will be accessible through Leganto.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic	Weekly Learning Objectives	Assessment
1	Introduction and Orientation to Unit Critical Thinking and Reflection Introduction to Ethics and Ethical Dilemmas	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apply critical thinking to solve complex problems2. Apply reflection for life-long learning3. Develop a basic understanding of ethics and ethical reasoning4. Identify ethical dilemmas in daily life	AT2.1 Reflection: Ethical Dilemma

2	Principles of Bioethics & Ethical Theories Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine and Healthcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify principles of bioethics and ethical theories 2. Engage in practical ethical reasoning 3. Practice ethical decision-making 4. Identify ethical claims/situations in medicine and healthcare 5. Apply principles of bioethics and ethical theories to dilemmas in medicine and healthcare 	AT2.1 Peer Review AT3 In-Class Quiz
3	Individual Determinants of Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the health belief model 2. Discuss strengths and limitations of the health belief model 3. Identify individual characteristics that have an impact on health outcomes 4. Identify barriers to achieving health outcomes for individuals 5. Develop an awareness of the ethics of public health and its impact on individual health 	AT4 Public Health Campaign: Topic and Plan
4	Social Determinants of Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and explain the impacts of the social determinants of health 2. Explore how the way society is structured can lead to unequal health outcomes 3. Develop and awareness of the ways culture and beliefs can impact upon health outcomes 4. Develop and awareness of the ethical features that arise with different definitions of 'health' 5. Understand the role of the determinants of health when promoting health behaviour change 	AT3 In-Class Quiz
5	Research Ethics Application of Ethics to Medical, Health and Research Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and apply the core values applied in research ethics 2. Identify and explain the current Australian guidelines for the ethical conduct of human and animal research 3. Apply ethical reasoning to case-based discussions 4. Communicate and participate in classroom discussions about ethical dilemmas in medicine, research and healthcare 	AT4 Public Health Campaign Submission AT5 Socratic Discussion (In-Class)
Exam Period			AT2.2 Reflective Portfolio

*Please note, the above is a proposed schedule of activities and is subject to change based on need and/or unforeseen circumstances.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

The [Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

While there have been no changes to the content taught, the delivery order has been adapted by the unit convenor to support the reduction of days in week 3.

Inclusion and Diversity

Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers' responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone.

Professionalism

In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses.

As part of developing professionalism, **students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions** including clinical, practical, laboratory, work-integrated learning (e.g., PACE placements), and team-based learning activities. Some learning activities are recorded (e.g., face-to-face lectures); however, you are encouraged to avoid relying upon such material as they do not recreate the whole learning experience and technical issues can and do occur. As an adult learner, we respect your decision to choose how you engage with your learning, but we would remind you that the learning opportunities we create for you have been done so to enable your success, and that by not engaging you may impact your ability to successfully complete this unit. We equally expect that you show respect for the academic staff who have worked hard to develop meaningful activities and prioritise your learning by communicating with them in advance if you are unable to attend a small group interactive session.

Another dimension of professionalism is having respect for your peers. It is the right of every student to learn in an environment that is free of disruption and distraction. Please arrive at all learning activities on time, and if you are unavoidably detained, please join the activity as quietly as possible to minimise disruption. Phones and other electronic devices that produce noise and other distractions must be turned off prior to entering class. Where your own device (e.g., laptop) is being used for class-related activities, you are asked to close down all other applications to avoid distraction to you and others. Please treat your fellow students with the utmost respect. If you are uncomfortable participating in any specific activity, please let the relevant academic know.

Unit information based on version 2024.03 of the [Handbook](#)