

Medical Ethics and Health Policy in London Summer 2018 Study Abroad



Attend an information session with Dr. Fleck
Wednesday, January 17
C104 Holmes Hall, 7-8 pm

Course Information

- Courses: HM 491 (6 credits, for all undergraduates)
HM 591 (5 credits, for CHM students)
- Minimum GPA: 2.50
- Dates: July 7, 2018 - August 11, 2018
- Program application deadline: March 1, 2018
- Details: osa.isp.msu.edu/programs/ukmed.html
- Scholarship information: bit.ly/EAscholarships

Cost

- Program fee: \$3775
- Estimated additional cost: \$3585 (based on Summer 2017)
- Tuition

Overview

In the recent past, the United States has treated health care as a market commodity, while the United Kingdom has considered it a sacred element in its welfare state. This stark contrast dates from 1948, but roots of the different health care systems were evident almost 200 years ago. Today, important elements of this contrast appear to be dissolving as both countries struggle to deliver equitable and affordable services that meet public expectations. Policy experts in the U.K. have looked to U.S. market principles as a basis for making substantial changes in the British National Health Service (NHS). At the same time, many in the U.S. believe we should draw on the philosophy of the NHS to help us reform health care in our country. In both cases very substantial health reform has been undertaken, and it is proving to be controversial.

We will study how the NHS functions and how it came to be what it is today. We will compare the NHS with the U.S. health care system and examine ethical issues that arise when we assess their differences, particularly those concerning allocation of resources. We will also deal with ethical questions related to decision-making in genetics and reproductive health. Our course, then, is an interdisciplinary exploration of the politics and ethics and philosophy of health and health care in the UK and the United States.

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