



The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London

Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

Programme for the Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine Course

October 2024 - June 2025

Leading to the Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine Examination (DPMSA)

Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings at Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ and remotely via Zoom.

The course is supported by the Wellcome Library (<https://wellcomecollection.org/>). The eponymous lectures are not part of the course but do form an important part of the Society's teaching.

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Term 1

Thursday 7th November 2024 – Apothecaries Hall

Optional evening : Sydney Selwyn Lecture:

“Should We Consider Moral Injury When Making Ethical Decisions in Healthcare”

Dr Michael McEvoy (2024 Sydney Selwyn Winner)

Evening lecture featuring the best student presentations of the 2023-24 DPMSA & DHMSA courses – *Attendance is strongly recommended*

Saturday 5th October 2024 – Apothecaries Hall

09:30-9:45	Registration	
9:45-10:00	Introduction to Apothecaries Hall	Mr Matthew Scudder
10:00-10:15	Master's Introduction	Dr Julia Neald

10:15-12:00	Overview of course: An Introduction to Philosophy & Medicine in Healthcare	Mr Peter Young (Course Director) Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)
12:00-12:15	How to write an ethics case vignette	Mr Peter Young (Course Director)
1:15-3:30	Critical reasoning in Healthcare Ethics	Professor David Jones (The Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford)
3:30-4:30	Optional networking event at a local venue	Details TBA

Saturday 19th October 2024 - Online

10:00-12:15	Case Studies and the role of Analytic Philosophy	Professor Bill Fulford (University of Oxford)
1:15-3:30	Case vignette presentations and discussions	Mr Peter Young (Course Director) &

Saturday 2nd November 2024 - Apothecaries Hall

Available online	How to write an ethical or philosophical essay	Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)
10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Utilitarianism	Professor David Misselbrook (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland of Bahrain)
1:15-3:30	Is there a Philosophy of Health?	Professor David Misselbrook (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland of Bahrain)

Saturday 23rd November 2024 - Online

Available Online	Pandemic Ethics	Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)
10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Virtue Ethics	Dr Sabena Jameel
1:15-3:30	Contractarian Ethics - Ancient & Modern	Dr John Spicer (GP Croydon & Academic Ethicist)

Saturday 7th December 2024 – Online

10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Kant and Deontology in Medicine	Professor Trevor Stammers (St Mary's University College)
1:15-3:30	Truth Telling and Deceit	Professor Ann Gallagher (Brunel University London)

Term 2

Saturday 11th January 2025 – Online

Available online	The Four Principles – A critique	Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)
10:00-12:15	The Four Principles of Biomedical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon (Imperial College)
1:15-1:45	DPMSA dissertation proposal session	Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)
1:15-3:30	Divine Command Morality and the Euthyphro Dilemma	Mr Peter Young (Course Director)

Saturday 25th January 2025 – Online

Available online	The DPMSA Examination	Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)
10:00-12:15	Abortion and Personhood	Dr Jordan Parsons (University of Birmingham)
1:15-3:30	Autonomy, Consent and Confidentiality	Dr Paquita De Zulueta (Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London)

Saturday 8th February 2025 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	Justice and Resource Allocation	Professor David Jones (The Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford)
1:15-3.30	The Moral Basis of Professionalism - Exploring narrative, character, and expertise	Dr David Obree (University of Edinburgh Medical School)

Saturday 22nd February 2024 - Online

Available online	Euthanasia and Medical Decisions at the End of Life	Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)
10:00-12:15	The Ethics and Philosophy of Public Health	Professor John Coggon (University of Bristol)
1:15-3:30	Case vignette presentations and discussion	Mr Peter Young (Course Director)

Saturday 8th March 2025 - Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	The Philosophy of Science	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks (University of Oxford)
1:15-2:15	The Ethics of Medical Research	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks (University of Oxford)
2:30-3:30	The Philosophy of Evidence-Based Medicine	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks (University of Oxford)

Saturday 22nd March 2025 - Online

10:00-12:15	Nietzsche against Aristotle: Philosophical Contributions to the Concept of Illness	Professor Jonathan Ives (Centre of Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol)
1:15-3:30	Philosophy at the end of life	Dr Guy Schofield (University of Bristol)

Saturday 5th April 2025 - Apothecaries Hall

10:00-11:00	The Historical development of Human Rights & Human Rights Today	Ms Megan Pfiffer, Esq. (University of Toronto)
11:15-12:15	Some Historical aspects of post-war UK Medical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon (Imperial College)
1:15-2.15	The Philosophy of Medicine in the Third Reich	Professor Michael Biddiss (University of Reading)
2:30-3:30	Discussion	Professor Michael Biddiss and all the speakers

Saturday 26th April 2024 – Online

Available online	Podcast on IVF and the role of philosophy in public policy	Baroness Mary Warnock & Dr Andrew Papanikitas
10:00-12:15	Ethico-legal aspects of Reproductive and Genetic Technologies	James Lawford-Davies
1:15-3:30	Ethics and Sociology of Genetic Testing	Mr Peter Young (Course Director)

Saturday 17th May 2024 – Apothecaries’ Hall

Joint Students and Fellow’s Symposium – Theme: The Technological Imperative

10:00-10:40	Invited Speaker	Dr Paquita De Zulueta (Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London)
10:45-12:15	Public Speaking Skills	TBC
10:45-2:45	Selwyn lecture semi-final: Short student papers and discussions	Mr Peter Young (Course Director)
2:50-3:30	Invited Speaker	TBC

NOTE: All students on the course are expected to attend this day. The day will include invited speakers, an opportunity to meet Faculty Fellows (The Faculty’s Philosophy mentoring, discussion and writing group) and networking after the event. As well as course-relevant content, students will have the opportunity to present work and discuss relevant topics in a symposium setting.

Term 3:

Saturday 7th June 2025 – Apothecaries’ Hall

10:00-12:15	Teaching and learning medical ethics	Mr Peter Young & Dr Andrew Papanikitas
1:30-3:45	Revision ‘Pub-Quiz’ & course overview	Mr Peter Young & Dr Andrew Papanikitas

Exam queries:

DPMSA Examination Information web address: <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>

Email: examoffice@apothecaries.org

Eponymous Lectures and Faculty Fellowship:

Students of the course are encouraged to join the Faculty. The Faculty run a series of free eponymous lectures on a variety of historical and philosophical topics relating to medicine and healthcare. Faculty fellowship offers access to writing, discussion, and mentoring groups in both medical history and philosophy.