

# UNIVERSITY OF BANJA LUKA FACULTY OF MEDICINE

#### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

Study Programme of

MEDICINE



<b>Course Unit Name</b>	Medicine and Society							
Type of Course Unit	General Education							
<b>Course Unit Code</b>	<b>Course Unit Status</b>	Semester	Class Workload	Number of ECTS				
	Compulsory	I	2L+1P	3				
Members of Staff	Dr Živana Gavrić, full professor (social medicine), Dr Stela Stojisavljević, assistant professor (social medicine), Dr Goran Stojanović, associate professor (medical ethics)							

Eligibility Requirements	Form of Requirements
n/a	

#### Goals of the Course Unit

The course unit comprises two parts: social medicine and medical ethics. The goal of the first part is to introduce the students with the subject of study in social medicine (public health), focusing on the promotion (improvement) of the health of the population, ethics of public health, rights in legislation on health care both nationally and in EU countries.

The goal of the second part is to introduce the students with the basic notions of moral philosophy, recent theories of normative ethics, and its application in medical practice. Special emphasis is placed on the classical problems of medical ethics, but also on present-day moral dilemmas caused by rapid scientific and technological advancements.

### **Learning Outcomes (knowledge acquired):**

Having passed the examination, the students will have been trained to take part in the health care process. They will have adopted the notion of public health and its ethical code, the functioning of health care for the purpose of improving the health of the population, and patient rights and safety.

They will have been able to understand the fundamental notions of ethics, and understand how ethics explains and formalizes moral human activity in medical practice. The students will have been introduced with the basic problems of medical ethics, and its main codes and declarations.

#### **Contents of the Course Unit:**

The first part studies social medicine (public health) and its promotion, the general notions of health care and deontology, the public health care code of ethics, the national and EU health care legislation, and international treaties which ensure the patients' safety and rights.

The second part studies the basic psycho-sociological factors of the moral phenomenon, follows the historical development of medical ethics and the emergence of the present-day bioethics. Special emphasis is placed on classical moral dilemmas of medical practice, the physician-patient relationship, and the challenges of present-day bioengineering.

#### **Teaching Methods:**

The lessons are given through frontal lectures, while interaction is achieved through solving specific examples from medical practice, as well debating on controversial ethical issues. The final grade is derived by adding the points earned at the first and second part of the course unit.

#### Literature:

- 1. European Commission: Public Health, (доступно: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/health/index">http://ec.europa.eu/health/index</a> en.htm)
- 2. Izvještaj Svjetske zdravstvene organizacije (WHO) iz oblasti socijalne medicine.
- 3. Health promotion and public health. WHO, 2018.
- 4. Turza, Karel. Uvod u medicinsku etiku, Beograd: CIBID, 2008.
- 5. Pens, Gregori. Klasični slučajevi iz medicinske etike, Beograd: Službeni glasnik, 2007.

## Literature for students studying in English

- 1. Jennie Naidoo and Jane Wills. Foundation for Health Promotion. Third edition. Bailliere Tindall Elsevier. 2 2009.
- 2. WHO guidelines on ethical issues in public health surveillance. WHO. 2017.
- 3. Stapleton G, Schröder-Bäck P, Laaser U, Meershoek A, Popa D. Global health ethics: an introduction to prominent theories and relevant topics. *Glob Health Action*. 2014
- 4. Michael, Dune; Hope, Tony. Medical Ethics: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford Universet Press, 2018.
- 5. Pance, Gregory. Classic Cases in Medical Ethics. McGraw-Hill, 2003.

#### **Examination Form:**

Pre-Exam Duties		Final Exam		Total Points
Attendance	10	Part I Social Medicine	25	
Midterm(s)	40	Part II Medical Ethics	25	100
Seminar paper	-			

#### **Note for the Course Unit:**

n/a

## **Syllabus Designer:**

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