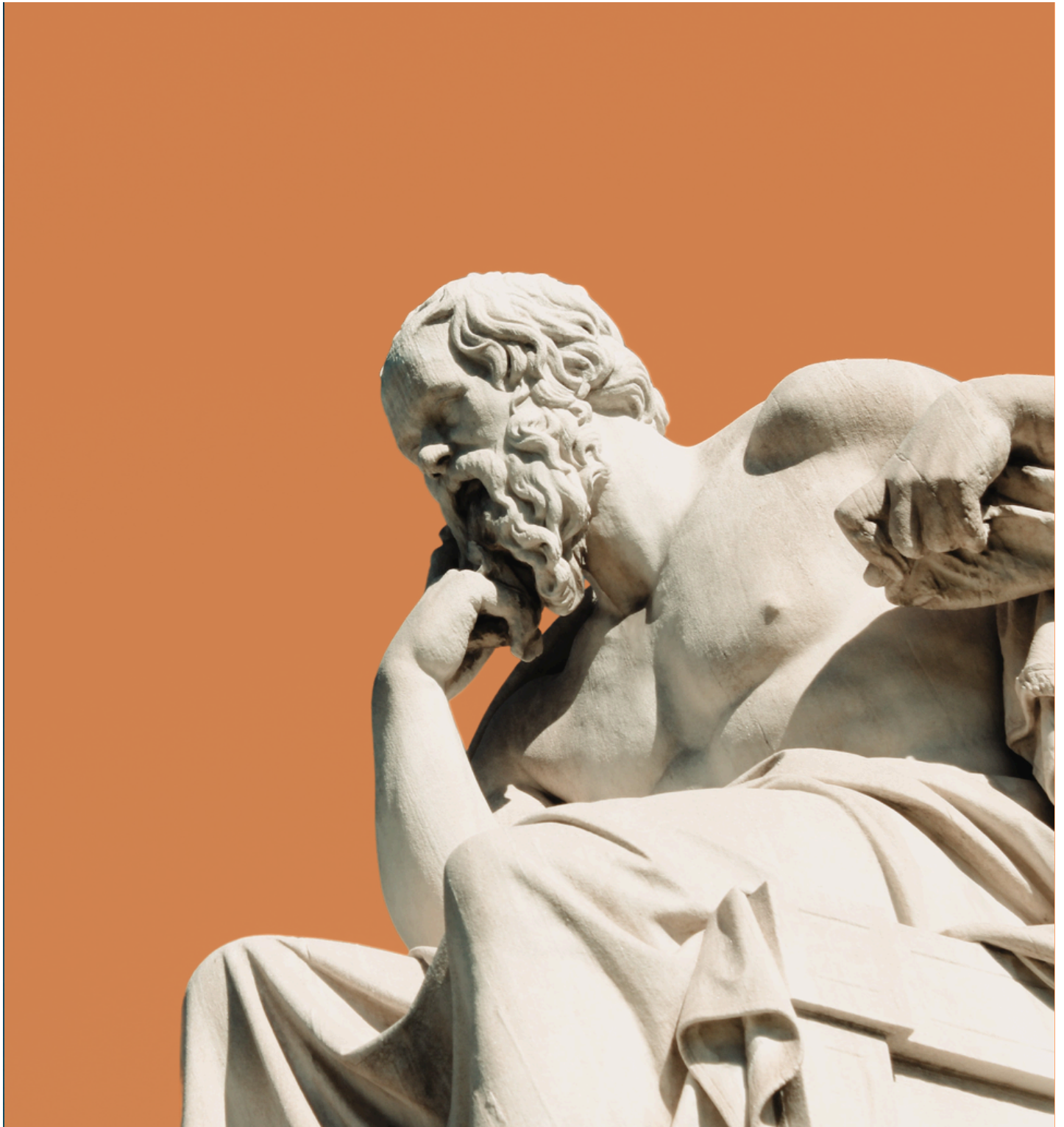


Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine





A journey into the ethics of medical practices and their theoretical foundations

The oldest of its kind in the UK, the Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine course explores the key philosophical aspects of contemporary medicine.

Beginning with an introduction to western philosophy, the course looks at how theoretical foundations relate to healthcare settings and how we can use critical thought to identify and think through modern healthcare issues.



36 unique sessions delivered by **21** leading lecturers, lawyers and bioethicists



65+ hours of teaching, **35** of which delivered remotely via Zoom



80-90 hours of study, covering medical history from c.350BCE to present day



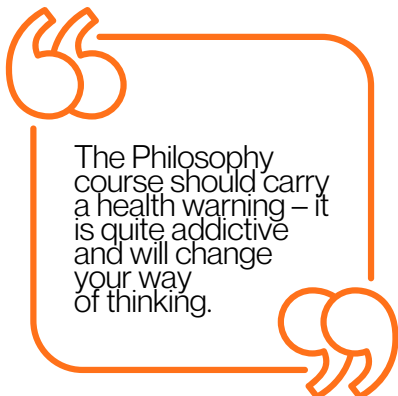
Exclusive access to an academic community of published medics and philosophers and like-minded learners

Applying theoretical ethical issues to healthcare contexts

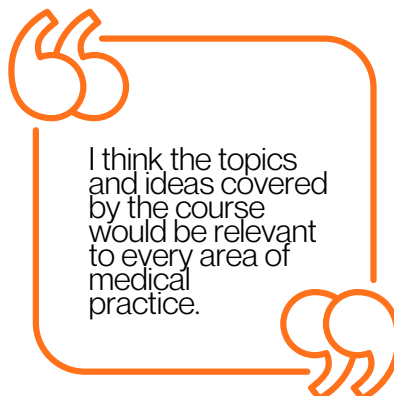
Participants in the course will draw upon philosophical theories, clinical cases and seminal legal issues to demonstrate the live ethical and broadly philosophical challenges of modern healthcare and medicine.



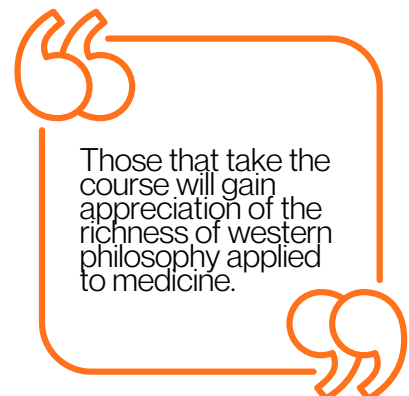
What our students and lecturers say



Prof. David Misselbrook
Alumnus, now Lecturer



Kathryn M.
Student



Dr Andrew Papanikitas
former Course Director



Why is this for me?

Taught at a postgraduate level, the Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine course is designed for both newcomers looking to explore the field and for established scholars aiming to expand their expertise in the philosophy of medicine and bioethics.

The course aims to provide a uniquely enriching experience, taught in a way that is accessible to all, including those who have limited experience of philosophy or those who may not be healthcare professionals.

Course participants will experience an immersive educational journey filled with lectures and hands-on sessions, and will also receive exclusive access to historical medical collections.

Course days take place outside of the working week, with seven of the fifteen sessions happening remotely. Through a mixture of recorded sessions and support materials provided via our online learning platform, participants can learn at their own pace from anywhere in the world.



Pete Young
M.Bioethics, HFHEA

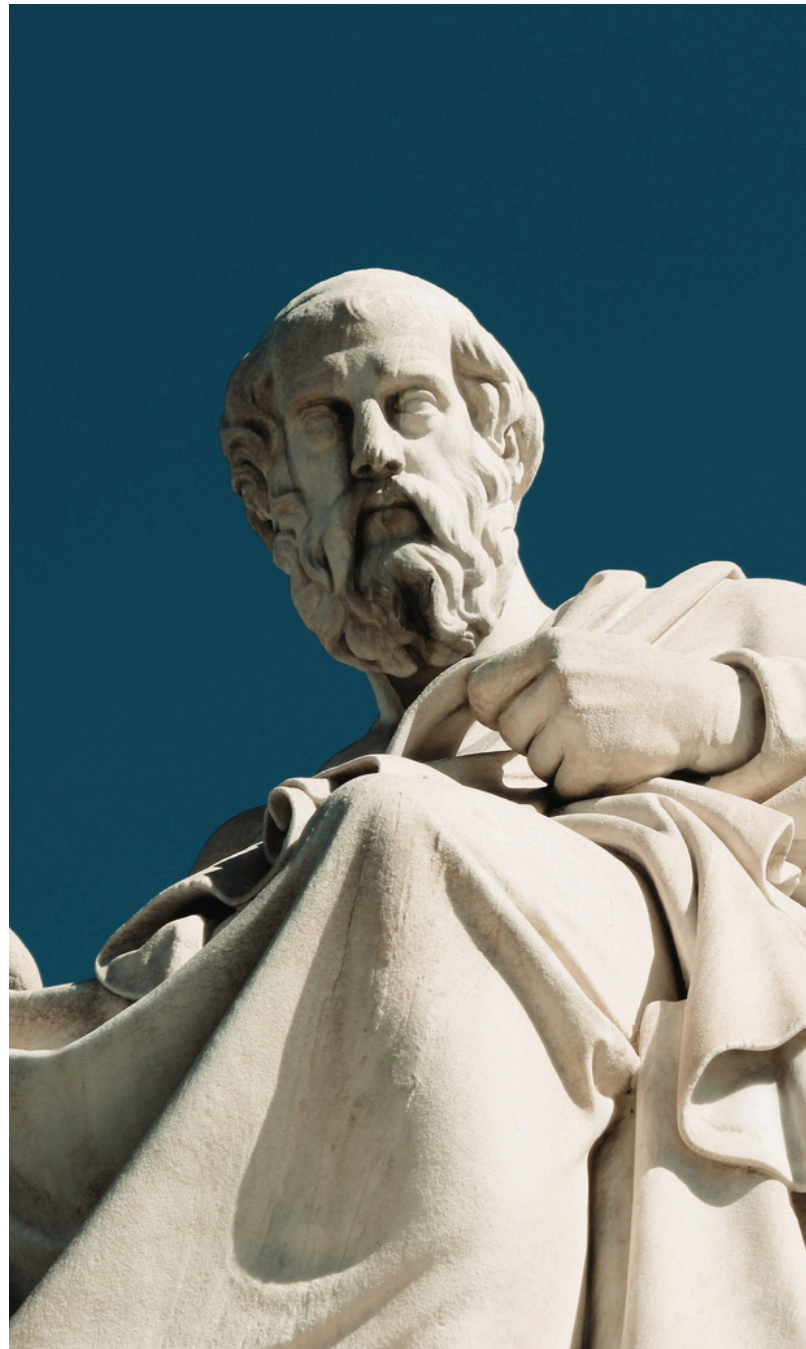
Course Director

Course summary

With 80-90 hours of study, the Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine course covers the big questions ranging from c.350 BCE to the present day.

Experts from across academic disciplines and institutions will be on hand to deliver sessions and online materials including some of the following topics:

- The Ethics of Medical Research
- Philosophy at the End of Life
- The Historical Development of Human Rights and Human Rights Today
- The Philosophy of Medicine in the Third Reich
- Ethics and Sociology of Genetic Testing
- Racism and Decolonisation in Medicine
- Pandemic Ethics



Whether you're at the start of your career and looking to develop your critical thinking, a mid career-clinician seeking to explore your own moral questions, or a retired healthcare professional aiming to re-engage with education, the Ethics & Philosophy of Medicine course has something for you.

The course teaches ethics from the unique view of moral philosophy, an unapologetically unusual niche that appeals to some and benefits many. It is morality applied, feeding into the ethical capital of the UK medical system.

Course participants will come away with an appreciation of the richness of Ethics and Philosophy and its application to medicine and the values and reasoning that underpin healthcare.

Course timetable

The course takes place on 15 Saturdays from October 2024 to June 2025, delivered both on line and in-person at Apothecaries' Hall in London. Check our website for the programme in August.

October

- Overview of Course
- How to write an ethics case vignette
- Critical reasoning in health care ethics
- Case Studies and the role of Analytic Philosophy
- Case vignette presentations and discussions

November

- Three main normative theories of ethics: Utilitarianism
- Three main normative theories of Ethics: Virtue Ethics
- Is there a philosophy of health?
- Contractarian Ethics - Ancient and Modern

December

- Three main normative theories of Ethics: Kant and Deontology in Medicine
- Truth Telling and Deceit

January

- The Four Principals of Biomedical Ethics
- DPMSA dissertation proposal session
- Abortion and Personhood
- Autonomy, Consent and Confidentiality
- Divine Command Morality and the Euthyphro Dilemma

February

- Justice and Resource Allocation
- The Moral Basis of Professionalism - Exploring Narrative, Character and Expertise
- The Ethics and Philosophy of Public Health

March

- The Philosophy of Science
- The Ethics of Medical Research
- The Philosophy of Evidence-based Medicine
- Nietzsche against Aristotle: Philosophical Contributions to the Concept of Illness
- Philosophy at the End of Life

April

- The Historical Development of Human Rights and Human Rights Today
- Some Historical Aspects of Post-War UK Medical Ethics
- The Philosophy of Medicine in the Third Reich
- Ethics and Sociology of Genetic Testing
- Ethico-legal aspects of Reproductive and Genetic Technologies

May and June

- Invited Speakers and Fellows' Paper
- Public Speaking Skills
- Selwyn Lecture Semi-Final: Short Student Lectures and Discussions
- Teaching and Learning Medical Ethics
- Revision 'Pub Quiz' and Course Overview



Application process and fees

Applications to the course are now open.

Payment is made online via our website. You will then gain access to our online learning platform to complete your application and view your learning materials.

Student rates apply to those registered on a full or part-time undergraduate, postgraduate or other course of study as of 1 October 2024. You will be asked to provide proof of enrolment in your application form.

Alternatively, why not 'drop-in' to attend a selected day from the programme for the standalone fee of £100 (maximum 3 days per year). Email us for more details. Terms and conditions apply.

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