

## **Global Health Law & Policy**

Professor Jennifer Templeton Dunn

Tues. 10:50-11:50 / Thurs. 10:50-1:00

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### **Course Description**

This course will take a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to public health law, exploring how countries provide and regulate health care. The course will begin by examining how health care systems are organized and how they are financed, comparing health care systems from other countries in order to better evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our own system. The course will cover the right to health as it exists in international law, national constitutions, and domestic legislation – as well as the barriers to implementing and enforcing this right. The course will then look at the development of international and national laws governing informed consent, protections for health information, and research on human subjects. Finally, we will explore the rights of the individual and the interests of society, and what happens when individual rights conflict with public health goals. Topics may include: informed consent, research ethics and regulation, medical negligence, access to medical records, immunizations, maternal health, HIV/AIDs, SARS, tobacco and alcohol regulation, assisted suicide and euthanasia, assisted reproduction, and abortion. There are no prerequisites.