LAW 4222 HEALTH AND THE LAW II

**Course Content**

The course covers the regulation of health providers and professionals; public health regulation and administrative law remedies; mental health; nutrition and health; bio-medical research; sexual and reproductive health rights.

**Course Objective**s:

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the nature, content and scope of the right to health and how the right to health framework can be used to render states and non-state actors accountable for their performance in the area of health rights. The course will interrogate the nexus between health and human rights. To what extent do health policies, programmers and practices promote or negate the right to health? The course will also analyse the interface between HIV/AIDS, Health and Human rights, in light of the growing body of jurisprudence on the subject. The course will also cover rights *in* health care, especially patients’ rights. At the end of the course, students should:

* 1. Understand the legal status/justiciability of the right to health and constraints to protection of the right;
  2. Grasp the mechanisms for holding the state and non-state actors accountable for violations of the right to health, especially for vulnerable, poor and disadvantaged members of society;
  3. Appreciate the scope of the doctor-patient relationship; patient rights and duties.

**Methods of Instruction**

1. At the commencement of the course, students are availed with reading lists, which indicate the topics to be covered, and the respective reading materials for the respective topics. It is expected that the student uses this list in preparation for each lecture.
2. The students are introduced to each topic and guided on the principles therein. Thereafter, students will be given problem questions for discussion in class. Students are further encouraged to also formulate their problems for discussion during the lectures.

**Assessment**

1. A coursework will be administered during the coursework week to be marked out of 30 marks.
2. An examination will be given at the end of the semester to be marked out of 70 marks.