Medical Ethics and Health Policy in London
Summer 2018 Study Abroad

Attend an information session with Dr. Fleck
Wednesday, January 17
C104 Holmes Hall, 7-8 pm

Course Information
• Courses: HM 491 (6 credits, for all undergraduates)
  HM 591 (5 credits, for CHM students)
• Minimum GPA: 2.50
• Dates: July 7, 2018 - August 11, 2018
• Program application deadline: March 1, 2018
• Details: osa.isp.msu.edu/programs/ukmed.html
• Scholarship information: bit.ly/EAscholarships

Cost
• Program fee: $3775
• Estimated additional cost: $3585 (based on Summer 2017)
• Tuition

Overview
In the recent past, the United States has treated health care as a market commodity, while
the United Kingdom has considered it a sacred element in its welfare state. This stark
contrast dates from 1948, but roots of the different health care systems were evident almost
200 years ago. Today, important elements of this contrast appear to be dissolving as both
countries struggle to deliver equitable and affordable services that meet public
expectations. Policy experts in the U.K. have looked to U.S. market principles as a basis for
making substantial changes in the British National Health Service (NHS). At the same time,
many in the U.S. believe we should draw on the philosophy of the NHS to help us reform
health care in our country. In both cases very substantial health reform has been undertaken,
and it is proving to be controversial.
We will study how the NHS functions and how it came to be what it is today. We will
compare the NHS with the U.S. health care system and examine ethical issues that arise
when we assess their differences, particularly those concerning allocation of resources. We
will also deal with ethical questions related to decision-making in genetics and reproductive
health. Our course, then, is an interdisciplinary exploration of the politics and ethics and
philosophy of health and health care in the UK and the United States.

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