

Introduction to Research Ethics (Elective)

Credit Value:	10
Course Organiser:	Professor Sarah Cunningham-Burley
Course Instructor(s):	Professor Sarah Cunningham-Burley and others
Time:	Semester 1 Weeks 1-5 Wednesday, 14:00-15:50
Short course description:	The course will look at the ethical requirements for undertaking public health research: epidemiological, experimental and qualitative research. It will also consider the basic principles of good scholarship common to all fields of public health research. The areas to be considered will include issues of ethics and governance and basic ethical principles.
Course prerequisites:	None
Aim:	To introduce students to some of the principles of research ethics and research governance procedures.
Learning objectives:	Students should develop an understanding of the ethical principles underlying public health research. By the end of the course, they should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the ethical issues that may arise when undertaking different types of research in Public Health and assess critically the published literature.• Appreciate the principles of good scholarship in the context of public health research.• Develop an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of different qualitative methods, the links between them and how they can be employed to undertake research in Public Health.
Teaching methods:	The course will use a mixture of learning methods, including self-directed learning, group work and lectures.
Assessment:	Written essay.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STUDENTS
TAKE THIS COURSE**