

Module: Bioethics and Animal Welfare

Module coordinator: To be appointed

Module outline

This module will look at aspects of animal welfare, animal behaviour and the broad base of bioethics, including ethics of research, ethics of animal experimentation and ethics of human experimentation and treatment. The module will include attendance at the UK Home Office course for obtaining a personal licence for research using animals where legislative issues will be covered. Students will explore the concepts of animal welfare and indicators of good and bad welfare, including behavioural markers

Topics

Animal welfare : Basic concepts of animal welfare ("animal happiness") and behavioural indicators

Ethics and research

Animal ethics : utilitarian and other models

Ethics of human experimentation and treatment : beneficence, autonomy, justice

Scientific ethics and misconduct : plagiarism, falsification

Learning : 5 ECTS

Lectures: 20h

Seminars: 20h

Workshops: 10h

Independent work: 75h

Assessment

70% Review of an ethical issue in the literature