



Juristische Fakultät  
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Göttingen



**Special Focus Area**

**"The Individual in Medical Science and Family"**

Issues relating to the biological and personal development of an individual, the raising of children and young people, and the treatment of ill or old people have become some of the most politically disputed topics in recent years. *Medical law* and *ethics in biology*, *family law* and *education law* are interrelated in many ways and also affect the other disciplines of civil law, public law and criminal law. Medicine, biosciences and neurosciences, philosophy, and educational, cultural and social sciences are also affected, making this an important *interdisciplinary area of research*.

Within this research focal area, the Faculty concentrates on the one hand on *medical law* and *ethics in biology*, and, on the other hand, on *family and education*. Research in this area is conducted by professors Duttge, Heun, Langenfeld, Lipp, v. d. Pfordten, Schumann, Veit and Spickhoff (succession Wendehorst). Furthermore, for certain areas, collaborations are in place with the Faculty of Philosophy (area of Family and Education - Phil. Fac., Department of Arabic Studies: Schneider) and the Faculty of Theology and Medicine (Medical Law and Ethics in Biology - Theol. Fac.: Anselm, Medicine. Fac.: Wiesemann, Academy for Ethics in Medicine: Simon).

Research in the area of medical law and ethics in biology is bundled into an interdisciplinary *centre* and institutionalised, whereby the intention is also to nurture interdisciplinary cooperation with other faculties (Medicine, Theology, Philosophy) (Duttge, Heun, Lipp, v. d. Pfordten, Schumann, Spickhoff).

In the area of family and education, the research bodies will primarily work together on a project-related level. In addition, it is planned to create a *research group* (Langenfeld, Lipp, Münch, Schumann, Veit). The foundations for this are already in place, in the form of joint research workshops and joint seminars for doctoral students. The objective is to establish Göttingen as a leading national centre for research in the area of family and education law. The form of organisation and the funding possibilities are currently being discussed with the research department.