10938 - Medical students dissecting human bodies

the question

I'm currently a medical student. In Medical school we are required to disect and examine human cadavers (dead bodies). This is a very important part of the study of medicine and cannot be avoided. Is taking part in such practices for the purpose of being a doctor Haram?

Detailed answer

If the cadaver is that of a dead kaafir, then
it is OK. But if it is the body of a Muslim, then it is not permitted,
because that involves disrespect, as well as uncovering the 'awrah.
 It was reported that the Prophet
(peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The sanctity of the
dead is like the sanctity of the living, and breaking the bone of a
dead believer is like breaking it when he is alive."