

Bioethics PHIL 2408

Tues/Thurs 1:05-2:25 pm

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Thurs 2:45-3:45 or by appointment

Course Description: This course will introduce students to on-going ethical debates in medicine and health care. We will begin with an exploration of the philosophical principles that inform bioethical approaches. We will then go on to discuss the topics of physician assisted suicide and euthanasia, abortion, stem cell research, genetic engineering, medical research involving human subjects, and the public versus private health care debate.

Course Text: The text for this course is *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine: Contemporary Readings in Bioethics*, (8th edition), eds. Steinbock, Arras and London (McGraw Hill Ryerson, 2012). It is available for purchase or rent at the Carleton Bookstore and also available for short term loan at the library's reserve desk. If you can find the 7th edition of the text, most of the readings are the same, except for the few with an (*) in the schedule below.

Course Evaluation: You will write a midterm exam, a term paper and a final take-home exam for this course. The in-class midterm will be held on October 18th and will be worth 30% of your final grade. The term paper will be 6 pages in length, due on November 20th, and worth 30% of your final grade. The take-home exam will be posted on November 29th and due (in hard copy) any time before December 19th at 4 pm. It will be worth 40% of your final grade for the course.

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction to the Course

Sept 6: Introduction to bioethical debates and principles

Week 2: Moral Theories and Perspectives (text: Introduction)

Sept 11: "Utilitarianism", "Kantian Ethics", "Virtue Ethics"

Sept 13: "Social Contract Theory"; "Rights-Based Approaches"

Week 3: Health Care (text: part 2, s.1)

Sept 18: Norman Daniels, "Equal Opportunity and Health Care."

Sept 20: Gopal Sreenivasan, "Opportunity is not the Key."

Week 4: Resource Allocation (text: part 2, s. 2)

Sept 25: Ronald Dworkin, "Justice and the High Cost of Health."

Sept 27: Alexander Cappelin and Ole Norheim, "Responsibility in Health Care: A Liberal Egalitarian Approach."

Week 5: Global Health (text: part 2, s. 3 and 4)

Oct 2: Janet Radcliffe-Richards et al, "The Case for Allowing Kidney Sales."

Oct 4: Thomas Pogge, "Responsibilities for Poverty Related Illness."

Week 6: Research on Human Subjects (text: part 6, s.1 and 3)

Oct 9: The Nuremburg Code

Case Study: "The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment."

Oct 11: Peter Lurie and Sydney Wolf, "Unethical Trials of Intervention to Reduce Perinatal Transmission of HIV in Developing Countries."

Robert Crouch and John Arras, "AZT Trials and Tribulations."

Week 7: MIDTERM

Oct 16: Review Session (optional)

Oct 18: Mid Term Exam In-Class

Week 8: Competence to Refuse Life Sustaining Treatment (text: part 3, s. 1)

Oct 23: Dan Brock and Allan Buchanan, "Deciding for Others: Competency."

Oct 25: Keith Burton, "A Chronical: Dax's Case as it Happened."

Dax Cowart and Robert Burt, "Confronting Death: Who Chooses, Who Controls?" *

Week 9: Physician Assisted Death (text: part 3, s. 5)

Oct 30: Dan Brock: "Voluntary Active Euthanasia." *

John Arras: "Physician Assisted Suicide: A Tragic view."

Nov 1: End of Life Decision Making in Canada: (Chapter 3 only):

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-8519.2011.01939.x/full>

Week 10: Abortion and Moral Status (text: part 4, s. 2)

Nov 6: Don Marquis, "Why Abortion is Immoral."

Marry Anne Warren, "On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion."

Nov 8: Judith Jarvis Thomson, "A Defense of Abortion." *

Week 11: Stem Cell Research (text: part 4, s. 3)

Nov 13: Michael Sandel, "Embryo Ethics – The Moral Logic of Stem Cell Research."

Nov 15: Robert George and Patrick Lee, "Acorns and Embryos." *

Week 12: Genetics and Human Enhancement (text: part 5, s. 1/ part 7, s. 2)

Nov 20: Bonnie Steinbock, "Disability, Prenatal Testing, and Selective Abortion."

Nov 22: Julian Savulescu, "Genetic Interventions and the Ethics of Enhancement of Human Beings."

Week 13: Treatment vs Enhancement (text: part 2, s. 1)

Nov 27: David Allan, "Growth Hormone Therapy for Disability of Short Stature."

Norman Daniels, "The Genome Project, Individual Differences and Just Health Care."

Nov 29: Exam Review Session

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2012-13)

Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name
- The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Term Work:

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://www4.carleton.ca/calendars//ugrad/current/regulations/acadre/suniv14.html#14.3>)

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>.

Important Dates:

Sept. 6	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept. 19	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 5	University Day – no classes.
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Nov. 19	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 3	Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
Dec. 3	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 4-5	No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 6-19	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Dec. 19	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 7	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 18	Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
Jan. 31	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 18	Family Day – university closed
Feb. 18-22	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 27	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Mar. 29	Good Friday – university closed
Apr. 10	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses. NOTE: On this day all classes follow a Friday schedule.
Apr. 10	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 11-12	No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Apr. 13-27	Final Examinations.
Apr. 27	Take-home exams are due.

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