



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 313 Lec 03 – “Bioethics”

Fall Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: (Tuesdays, 1800-2030)

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Required Text: *Bioethics: An Anthology*, ed. Kuhse and Singer, Blackwell, 2nd Edition
Biomedical Ethics, Walter Glannon, Oxford University Press 2004

Course Description

Biomedical Ethics engages in debates on ethical issues that relate to practices, or proposed practices, in health care and medical research. In this course we will participate in these debates by critically assessing and developing arguments that concern these issues. Some of the topics covered in this course are euthanasia, abortion, genetic engineering, and resource allocation.

Evaluation

The final grade will be determined by two in class tests and one take home test. The tests involve writing essays on assigned topics. Missed in class tests and late take home tests will be assigned a grade of zero unless a university approved justification is provided. A drop box will be set up in the Philosophy Department (12th floor, Social Science Building) for you to submit your take home test.

Take home tests will not be accepted via email under any circumstances. There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.

Test 1	October 9	35 %
Test 2	November 6	35 %
Take Home Test	Due December 7 by 4 PM	30%

Grading Scale

96-100 = A+	80-85 = B+	67-69 = C+	55-59 = D+
91-95 = A	75-79 = B	64-66 = C	50-54 = D
86-90 = A-	70-74 = B-	60-63 = C-	< 50 = F

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor.

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PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at www.phil.ucalgary.ca

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