



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 313 Lec 20
"Bioethics"
Spring Term 2012

Course Outline

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Lectures: Mon & Wed 1200 – 1445, SA 121
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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. The final grade will be determined by two in class tests and one take home test. The tests involve writing essays on assigned topics. Policy on missed in class tests and late take home tests: zero will be the assigned grade unless the absence is university approved. *Take home tests will not be accepted via email under any circumstances.* There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.

Test 1	May 28	35 %
Test 2	June 11	35 %
Take Home Test	Due June 25	30%

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	96 –100 %	C+	67-69.9 %
A	91-95.9 %	C	64-66.9 %
A-	86-90.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %
B+	80-85.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
B	75-79.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	70-74.9 %	F	0- 49.9 %

Intellectual Honesty:

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 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. Intellectual honesty requires that 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. Plagiarism is an extremely serious offence.

Academic Accommodation:

Students with documented disabilities who require academic accommodations must register with the University's Disability Resources Centre and communicate their needs to the instructor as soon as possible and no later than 14 days after the start of this course.