

Philosophy 163: Bio-Medical Ethics
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Required Texts: *Copies of the reader will also be on reserve at Geisel Library.*

- 1) Cal Copy Spring 2012 Reader (henceforth CC)
Collection of required articles available at Cal Copy
****Note: All papers require citations from the Cal Copy Spring 2012 Reader****

The course reader is available at Cal Copy (452-9949), 3251 Holiday Court #103 (by Domino's Pizza, across from the El Torito restaurant).

The syllabus and all assignments will also be available on the course's Ted (<http://ted.ucsd.edu>).

Reading Schedule

Week 1: 4/1 – 4/6: *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 1*
1. Causing Death & Saving Lives, Chs. 1-3, Glover (CC)

Week 2: 4/9-4/13: *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 2*
1. Causing Death & Saving Lives, Chs. 4-8, Glover (CC)

First paper assignment handed out in Friday lecture (4/13)

Week 3: 4/16-4/20: *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 3*
1. Causing Death & Saving Lives, Chs. 9-16, Glover (CC)

Week 4: 4/23-4/27: *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 4 and Critiques of Established Medicine and Medical Authority, Part 1*
1. "Deciding Who Lives," Anspach Chs. 2, 3 (CC)
2. The Moral Foundations of Professional Ethics, Goldman Ch. 4 (CC)
3. Ch. 2,3 Anatomy of Hope, Groopman (CC)

First paper assignment due at the start of Friday's lecture (4/27)

Week 5: 4/30-5/4: *Critiques of Established Medicine and Medical Authority, Part 2*
1. "AHCPR and the Strategy for Health Care Reform," Wennberg (CC)
2. "How Much Is Enough? Efficiency and Medicare Spending in the Last Six Months of Life," Skinner & Wennberg (CC)
3. "Medicine in the Dark" Hochman and McCormick (CC)
4. "Overdiagnosed: Making People Sick in the Pursuit of Health", Welch, Schwartz & Woloshin (CC)

Midterm Study Guide handed out in Friday lecture (5/4)

Week 6: 5/7-5/11: *Critiques of Established Medicine and Medical Authority, Part 3*
1. "Strangers at the Bedside," Rothman Ch. 11 (CC)
2. "Medicine and Social Control," Ehrenreich (CC)
3. "Misdiagnosing the Mind," Tavis (CC)

Midterm exam to be held during Friday lecture (5/11)

Week 7: 5/14-5/18: *The Distribution of Health Care and Public Policy, Part 1*
1. "Health Care Needs and Distributive Justice," Daniels (CC)
2. Ch. 6, "The New Pariahs", The Lives to Come, Kitcher (CC)

Week 8: 5/21-5/25: *The Distribution of Health Care and Public Policy, Part 2*
1. "Is Health Care a Right?," Sade (CC)
2. "Allocating Resources: The Case of Hypertension," Weinstein & Stason (CC)
3. "High Blood Pressure, Economics, and Equity: A Reply to Weinstein and Stason," Fein (CC)
4. "The Affordable Care Act as Public Philosophy," Starr (CC)

Week 9: 5/28-6/1: *The "Myth" of Mental Illness, Part 1*

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 5/28 – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

1. "The Myth of Mental Illness", Szasz (CC)
2. "What a Theory of Mental Health Should Be," Boorse (CC)
3. "Illness – Mental and Otherwise, Sedgwick (CC)

Final paper assignment handed out in Friday lecture (5/18)

Week 10: 6/4-6/8: *The "Myth" of Mental Illness, Part 2*
1. "Psychotherapy as Meta-Ethics," Engelhardt (CC)
2. "Mental Health as Rational Autonomy," Edwards (CC)
3. "The Message in the Capsule," Kramer (CC)
4. "Misdiagnosing the Mind," Tavris (CC)

Office Hours: Prof. Doppelt: Wednesdays at 3pm, HSS 7013

Course Requirements

- 1) **Attendance at all lecture and section meetings is required in order to receive 10% of your course grade.** The TA will take attendance during the first 5 minutes of each class. You lose one point of this 10% for every absence in a lecture or section. Otherwise, how much of the 10% you receive will depend on your performance on quizzes in lecture and section and on the questions you are asked to bring to section.
- 2) Two papers based on assigned topics – which are to be written entirely in your own words with no quotations or any copying from our texts or any other source. Each paper is about 7-8 pages in typescript and requires 15-20 citations referencing the primary texts to document your points. Late papers are marked down, and no late papers will be accepted without permission of the TA. **The two papers count equally for 70% of your grade. That is to say, 35% each.**
***Note:** Students agree that by taking this course all required papers must submit papers for textual similarity review to **TurnItIn through the course Ted (<http://ted.ucsd.edu>)** for the detection of plagiarism by midnight of the day the paper is due, or it will not be accepted. UCSD has a university-wide Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, published annually in the Catalog online at <http://registrar.ucsd.edu/records/grdbk3.html>. All students must read and be familiar with this Policy. **Receipt of this syllabus constitutes an acknowledgment that you are responsible for understanding and acting in accordance with UCSD guidelines on academic integrity.**
- 3) **A midterm exam will be held during Week 6 in class, and will account for 20% of your grade.**

Paper Schedule

Week 2 First paper assignment handed out in Friday lecture (4/13)
Week 4 First paper assignment due at the start of Friday's lecture (4/27)
Week 5 Midterm Study Guide handed out in Friday lecture (5/4)
Week 6 Midterm exam to be held during Friday lecture (5/11)
Week 9 Final paper handed out in Friday lecture (5/18)
Final Exam Final paper due Friday, June 15th 11:30am – 12:30pm (Room TBA)