



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Philosophy

PHIL 313 LEC 1
“Bioethics”
Summer 2019

Course Outline

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 11:45 in SS 113

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Course Description

A critical and analytical examination of ethical problems arising in and about health care. Topics may include what counts as a disease, dealing with anti-vaxxers, euthanasia, abortion, the physician-patient relationship, research using randomized controlled trials (RCTs), genetic engineering, and healthcare as a right. The practical applications of ethical theory are emphasized.

Prerequisites:

None.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Ability to critically digest, interpret, and analyze complex sources;
- Ability to write a convincing argument that takes adequate account of alternative positions;
- Ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written argumentation;
- Broad knowledge of diverse philosophical issues, problems, traditions, and views in the bioethics literature.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

All required readings will be posted on D2L.

Course Assessments

- Quiz (online on July 11): 5%
- Midterm Essay (in-class on July 23): 20%
 - Midterm Essay Outline (accompanying the midterm essay): 10%
- 1-Page Double-Sided Expository Essay (due on July 30): 10%
- Final Paper Final Draft (due on August 14 at 3pm in the physical dropbox, Phil Dept SS 12th floor): 40%
 - Final Paper Edited Draft (accompanying the final draft): 10%
- Participation in class discussions: 5%

There will be no registrar-scheduled final exam. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of submitted assignments.

No single assignment requires a passing grade for students to pass the course.

Grading will be determined using the following scale:

A+ 98 - 100	B+ 86 – 89	C+ 74 – 77	D+ 62 – 65
A 94 – 97	B 82 – 85	C 70 – 73	D 58 – 61
A- 90 - 93	B- 78 – 81	C- 66 – 69	F 0 – 57

Lateness Policy

If you anticipate that you will not be able to submit an assignment on time, please do not be afraid to contact me in advance. I'm here to help. In almost all cases you will be granted an extension.

Any unapproved late submissions will be graded with a deduction of one letter grade per day. An A+ paper handed in a day late will receive an A. Handed in two days late will see the grade drop to an A-. And so on.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. See the relevant section K.5 on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>.

Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

General Academic Concerns and Program Planning

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to

graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising> for detailed information on common academic concerns

Advice on Philosophy Courses

You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca>, or contact one of Philosophy's Undergraduate Advisors. David Dick – Undergraduate Program Director (dgdick@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty – Honors Advisor (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca) or Allen Habib (anhabib@ucalgary.ca).

Registration and Prerequisite Waivers

If you have questions regarding registration, or are seeking permission to waive the prerequisites for a course, email the Philosophy Department Undergraduate Program Administrator (UPA), Rebecca Lesser (rebecca.lesser@ucalgary.ca). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

All written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. 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 or teaching assistant.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>