

WEEK 1

Sep 6: Introduction to ethics (Meet at McIntyre Medical Building 1034)

Sep 8: Introduction to ethics (Meet at McIntyre Medical Building 1034)

- [R] Video. BBC, "23 week baby" on Vimeo (See the course webpage for the link to this video)
- [R] Boghossian "The maze of moral relativism"

WEEK 2

Sep 11: Beginning of life: Abortion

- [R] Thomson "A defense of abortion"
- Warren, "On the moral and legal status of abortion"
- Marquis "Abortion revisited"

Sep 13: No class

Sep 15: Conference 1 (Meet at conference room) [Assignment 1]

WEEK 3

Sep 18: Beginning of life: After-birth abortion (infanticide)

- [R] Tooley "Abortion and infanticide"
- [R] Singer, *Practical Ethics*, ch.7.
- Giubilini & Minerva "After birth abortion"

Sep 20: End of life: Euthanasia and assisted suicide

- [R] Brock, "Voluntary active euthanasia"
- [R] Rachels, "Active and passive euthanasia"
- [If you are interested in this on-going issue, I strongly recommend reading L. W. Sumner, *Assisted Death*. OUP (2011).]

Sep 22: Conference 2

- [R] Video. PBS, "The right to die in Belgium"
- [R] BBC. "Should a Belgian murderer be allowed euthanasia?"

WEEK 4

Sep 25: End of life

- [R] Callahan "When self-determination run amok"
- [R] Eyal, "Informed consent"
- Stoljar, "Feminist perspectives on autonomy"

Sep 27: Genetic engineering: prenatal diagnosis and enhancement

- [R] Asch "Prenatal diagnosis and selective abortion"
- [R] McMahan "The morality of screening for disability"
- Sandel "Against perfection"

- Savulescu "Genetic enhancement"

Sep 29: Conference 3 [Assignment 2]

WEEK 5

Oct 2: Introduction to population-level bioethics

- [R] Video. BBC, "The price of life" (Vimeo)
- [R] Bognar-Hirose, ch.1.
- [R] Sreenivasan, "Why justice requires rationing in health care"
- Daniels, "Four unsolved rationing problems"

Oct 4: QALY

- [R] Bognar-Hirose Ch. 2.
- [R] Rawlins-Culyer "National Institute for Clinical Excellence and its value judgments"

Oct 6: Conference 4

WEEK 6

Oct 9: No class [Thanksgiving day]

Oct 11: QALY [Midterm essay due]

- [R] Bognar-Hirose ch.3.
- Norheim, "A note on Brock"

Oct 13: Conference 5

WEEK 7

Oct 16: Discrimination

- [R] Bognar-Hirose, Ch. 4.
- [R] Harris, "QALYfying the value of life"
- [R] Singer et al "Double jeopardy and the use of QALYs in health care"
- Harris "Double jeopardy and the veil of ignorance" care allocation"

Oct 18: Discrimination [Midterm take home exam due Oct 17 11:30PM]

- [R] Bognar "Fair innings"

Oct 20: Conference 6

WEEK 8

Oct 23: Aggregation

- [R] Taurek "Should numbers count?"

Oct 25: Aggregation

- [R] Bognar-Hirose, Ch. 5.

Oct 27: Conference 7 [Assignment 3]

WEEK 9

Oct 30: Health equality

- [R] Bognar-Hirose, Ch. 6.
- [R] Daniels et al "Why justice is good for our health"

Nov 1: Health equality

- [R] Video “Unnatural causes: Is inequality making us sick?” 58m)
- [R] Deaton “Policy implications of the gradient of health and wealth”

Nov 3: Conference 8 (Group research)

WEEK 10

Nov 6 & 8: Group research

Nov 10: Conference 9 (group research)

WEEK 11

Nov 13 & 15: Group research

Nov 17: Conference 10 (Group research)

WEEK 12

Nov 20: Group research

Nov 22: Group research

Nov 24: Conference 11 (Group research)

WEEK 13

Nov 27: Group presentations

Nov 29: Group presentations

Dec 1: Group presentations

WEEK 14

Dec 4: Group presentations

Dec 6: Group presentations