

Philosophy 163: Bio-Medical Ethics
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CENTER 105 MWF 12 – 12:50pm

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Required Texts: *Copies of the reader will also be on reserve at Geisel Library.*

- 1) Cal Copy Spring 2014 Reader (henceforth CC)
Collection of required articles available at Cal Copy

****Note: All papers require citations from the Cal Copy Fall 2014 Reader****

The course reader is available at Cal Copy (452-9949), 3251 Holiday Court #103 (by Domino's Pizza)

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

Reading Schedule

Week 1: 10/6-10/10 *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 1*
1. Causing Death & Saving Lives, Chs. 1-3, Glover (CC)

Week 2: 10/13-10/17: *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 (10/10)

Week 3: 10/20-10/24: *The Ethics of Life & Death in Modern Medicine, Part 3*
1. Causing Death & Saving Lives, Chs. 9-16, Glover (CC)

Week 4: 10/27-10/31: *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 (10/31)

Week 5: 11/3-11/7: *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)
5. "Routine pelvic exam should be discontinued", Healy (CC)
6. "Looser Guidelines Issued on Prostate Screening", Pollack (CC)

Midterm Study Guide handed out in Friday lecture (11/7)

Week 6: 11/10-11/14: *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 (11/14)

Week 7: 11/17-11/21: *The Distribution of Health Care and Public Policy, Part 1*
1. "Is Health Care a Right?," Sade (CC)

2. “Overview of the U.S. Health Care System,” Kao-Ping Chua (CC)
3. NY Times “The 2.7 Trillion Medical Bill,” Rosenthal (CC)
4. EpiAnalysis “US Versus European Healthcare costs” (CC)
5. “Allocating Resources: The Case of Hypertension,” Weinstein & Stason (CC)
6. “High Blood Pressure, Economics, and Equity: A Reply to Weinstein and Stason,” Fein (CC)

- Week 8: 11/24-11/28: *The Distribution of Health Care and Public Policy, Part 2*
1. “Health Care Needs and Distributive Justice,” Daniels (CC)
 2. Ch. 6, “The New Pariahs,” The Lives to Come, Kitcher (CC)
 3. “The Affordable Care Act as Public Philosophy,” Starr (CC)

NO CLASS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- Week 9: 12/1-12/05: *The “Myth” of Mental Illness, Part 1*
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 (12/05)

- Week 10: 12/8-12/12: *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,” Tavis (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

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| Week 2 | First paper assignment handed out in Friday lecture |
| Week 4 | First paper assignment due at the start of Friday’s lecture |
| Week 5 | Midterm Study Guide handed out in Friday lecture |
| Week 6 | Midterm exam to be held during Friday lecture |
| Week 9 | Final paper handed out in Friday lecture |
| Final Exam | Final paper due Thursday, December 18 11:30 – 2:29 pm (Room TBA) |