

PHILOSOPHY 331 A01

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Text: Eike-Henner W. Kluge *Ethics in Health Care: A Canadian Focus*. (Pearson: Toronto, 2013)

Slides will be posted on CourseSpaces as appropriate.

Formal Course Requirements and Grading Procedures

Since this course deals with practical issues on the interface of theory and practice, emphasis will be placed on demonstrated understanding and mastery of the ethical concepts and reasoning as applied to various types of cases. This understanding will be tested through formally scheduled examinations: two mid-terms and a final examination. The first mid-term examination is 60 minutes long

D=50-59; C=60-64; C+=65-69; B-=70-72; B=73-76; B+=77-79; A-=80-84; A=85-89; A+=90-100. The criteria for assigning grades may be found in the University Calendar. Students are encouraged to discuss their examinations with the instructor.

Inappropriate behaviour and contraventions of academic integrity

Inappropriate behaviour and violations of standards of academic integrity as defined in the University Calendar will be dealt with in accordance with University Regulations.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

B. Consent in Experimentation

C. Tri-Council Guidelines

- Complete Tri-Council Policy available at

http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/pdf/eng/tcps2/TCPS_2_FINAL_Web.pdf

7. Right to Health Care

Assigned reading: Chapter 9

A. Definition of “Health” and its Implications

B. Health Care as a Right vs. Health Care as a Commodity

C. The *Canada Health Act* and Significant Developments

- Romanow Report, available at

<http://publications.gc.ca/site/archivee-archived.html?url=http://publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/CP32-85-2002E.pdf>

8. Allocation of Medical Resources

Assigned reading: Chapter 10

A. Macro-Allocation

B. Micro-Allocation

C. Special Issues

9. Personhood and Death

Assigned reading: Chapter 7

A. The Concept of Death

B. Criteria for the Determination of Death

Mid-term # 2 (app. Nov. 4)

10. Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Assigned reading: Chapter 7

A. Assisted Suicide

B. Killing vs. Letting Die

C. Arguments For and Against Euthanasia

D. Medical Assistance in Dying Act; available at <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/other-autre/adra-amr/>

11. Abortion

Assigned reading: Chapter 8

A. The Status of the Human Embryo/Fetus

B. Arguments For and Against Abortion

C. Ethical relevance of Methods of Abortion

12. The Right to Have Children

Assigned reading: Chapter 11

A. Ambiguity of the Concept

B. Arguments For and Against the Right to Have Children

C. Surrogate Motherhood and Related Issues

13. Biotechnology

Assigned reading: Chapter 12

A. Ectogenesis

B. Cloning

C. Genetic Engineering, Etc.