

PHILOSOPHY 331 A01
Issues in Biomedical Ethics
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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 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, the second is 80 minutes long and the final examination is three hours in length. The first mid-term examination is worth 20% of the course grade, the second is worth 30% of the course grade and

Grading:

Grades will be assigned on a percentile basis with letter grade equivalents as follows: F=0-49; 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

6. Research Using Human Subjects*Assigned reading:* Chapter 6

- A. Human Experimentation: Nature and Rationale
- B. Consent in Experimentation
- C. Tri-Council Guidelines
- Complete Tri-Council Policy available at

http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique_tcps2-eptc2_2018.html

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

- A. The Concept of Death
- B. Criteria for the Determination of Death

Mid-term # 2 (app. Mar. 12)**10. Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia***Assigned reading:* Chapter 7

- A. Ectogenesis
- B. Cloning
- C. Genetic Engineering, Etc.

14. Review