

PHILOSOPHY 331 A01
Issues in Biomedical Ethics
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Texts:

- **Required:** Materials on Brightspace

Recommended: Schuklenk and Chadwick, *This is Bioethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2021)

Formal Course Requirements and Grading Procedures

Chat GPT is not permitted for this course. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated. It is each student's responsibility to know the University's regulations in this regard. The Policy on Academic Integrity is published in the [University Calendar](#). You can also consult the Libraries' [plagiarism guide](#) or the [Tri-Faculty Standards for Professional Behavior for Students](#), which draws together a number of existing UVic policies in one place for ease of reference. Professionalism is expected from all students enrolled in courses in the Faculty of Humanities. As part of professionalism, students, faculty and staff are expected to be familiar with University policies, including the Tri-Faculty Standards.

Significant dates:

- Mid-term examination #1: Approximately Feb. 5
- Mid-term examination #2: Approximately Mar. 14
- Final examination: scheduled by the university

Last Day of adding the course: January 24, 2024

Last day of dropping the course without penalty: February 29, 2024

Exceptions from course requirements, adjustments for taking examinations at set examination dates, etc. will only be made in accordance with UVic regulations as published in the Calendar. It is the responsibility of the students to acquaint themselves with these and with the relevant dates. The mid-term examinations will be returned as soon as they are graded. Final examinations are the property of the University and will not be returned. They are available for viewing at the Records Office at a time designated by the University.

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 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

1. Introduction

2. Ethical Theory

A. Meta-ethics

Readings: Chapters 1 and 2, materials on Brightspace

B. Ethical theories used in healthcare

C. Codes of Ethics and Professionalism

CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism, available at

<https://www.cfpc.ca/CFPC/media/Resources/Education/CMA-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>

