

The University of Western Ontario School of Health Studies
Health Sciences HS2610 Introduction to Health Ethics

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Office Hours: Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30am

Classes: Thursdays, 12:30-2:20 in NSC-1

Prerequisite Checking

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Antirequisite(s): The former Kinesiology 2293F/G, Philosophy 2071E, 2715F/G.

Prerequisite(s): Minimum of 60% in each of Health Sciences 1001A/B and 1002A/B.

Course Information

An introduction to basic moral theory and development of an understanding of moral reasoning. The course will also teach students to apply basic principles of sound moral decision-making to important ethical issues in health including: concepts of health, wellness, and illness, allocation of scarce resources, the notion of "consent". The methods of explaining/justifying moral decisions in health will be explored by surveying major philosophical approaches to ethics.

January 10: Introductions, Syllabus review, etc.

January 17: Ethical Theories & Thinking, part 1

January 24: Ethical Theories & Thinking, part 2

January 31: HCW-Patient Relationship

February 7: Informed Consent

February 14

February 21: Reading Week

February 28: In-class mid-term examination (60 minutes)

March 7: Resource Allocation

March 14: Status of Animals as Research Subjects and Food

March 21: Enhancement of Physical and Mental Capacities

March 28: MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying)

April 4: Organ Donation

Course Materials

Links to relevant materials are provided on OWL.

Evaluations

- 1.) Mid-Term Examination (25%) - February 28th
- 2.) Major Essay (40%) – Due March 15th, submitted to OWL
- 3.) Final Exam (35%) – Date TBA (Final Exam period - April 11, 2019 to April 30, 2019)

Please note that the late penalty for the essay is a loss of 10% per day. Missing an examination for acceptable reasons must involve consultations with the Academic Counsellors. In the event of a missed examination, a ma

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1. Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
2. Student Health -- <http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html>
3. Registrar's Office -- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
4. Ombuds Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>

As part of a successful undergraduate experience at Western, we encourage you to make your health and wellness a priority. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students receive membership in Western's Campus Recreation Centre as part of their registration fees. Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. Please check out the Faculty of Music web page (<http://www.music.uwo.ca/>), or the McIntosh Gallery

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