

Course Schedule, Philosophy 104 Bioethics, Fall 2025

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		Unit 1: First Things (Week 1 of fall course)	
Week 1 first part: Aug24- Aug25	Welcome to the class!	<p>Introductions</p> <p>--Profile picture post</p> <p>--Introduction post (under 'Discussions')</p> <p>--Pre-class survey (under 'Quizzes')</p> <p>--Learner responsibility survey (under 'Quizzes')</p>	<p><i>Contemporary Debates in Bioethics (CDB)</i> introduction / online intro videos /</p> <p>--Profile picture post due Monday Aug 25;</p> <p>--Intro discussion post due Monday Aug 25;</p> <p>--Pre-class survey due Monday Aug 25;</p> <p>--Learner responsibility survey due Monday Aug 25</p>
Week 1 second part: Aug25- Aug30	Topic 1.1	<p>Topic: Transplanting Organs.</p> <p>Discussion Prompt: Is It Morally Acceptable to Buy and Sell Organs for Human Transplantation?</p>	<p><i>CDB</i> part 2 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Aug 27; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Aug 31</p>
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		Unit 2: Clinical Ethics (Weeks 2-5 of fall course)	
Week 2: Aug31- Sept7	Topic 2.1	Topic: Refusing Treatment. Discussion Prompt: Should a Child Have the Right to Refuse Medical Treatment to Which the Child's Parents or Guardians Have Consented?	<i>CDB part 6 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Sept 3; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Sept 7</i>
Week 3: Sept7- Sept14	Topic 2.2	Topic: Physician-Assisted Suicide. Discussion Prompt: Is Physician-Assisted Suicide Ever Ethical?	<i>CDB part 7 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Sept 10; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Sept 14</i>
Week 4: Sept14- Sept21	Topic 2.3	Topic: Determining Death. Discussion Prompt: Can There Be Agreement as to What Constitutes Human Death?	<i>CDB part 12 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Sept 17; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Sept 21</i>
Week 5: Sept21- Sept28	Topic 2.4	Topic: Withholding Information. Discussion Prompt: Is There Ever a Circumstance in Which a Doctor May Withhold Information?	<i>CDB part 13 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Sept 24; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Sept 28</i>
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		Unit 3: Research Ethics (Weeks 6-8 of fall course)	
Week 6: Sept28- Oct5	Topic 3.1	Topic: Stem-Cell Research. Discussion Prompt: Should Stem-Cell Research Utilizing Embryonic Tissue Be Conducted?	<i>CDB part 8 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Oct 1; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Oct 5</i>
Week 7: Oct5- Oct12	Topic 3.2	Topic: Primate Research. Discussion Prompt: Should We Prohibit the Use of Chimpanzees and Other Great Apes in Biomedical Research?	<i>CDB part 9 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Oct 8; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Oct 12</i>
Week 8: Oct12- Oct19	Topic 3.3	Topic: Clinical Trials. Discussion Prompt: Are International Clinical Trials Exploitative?	<i>CDB part 15 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Oct 15; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Oct 19</i>
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		Unit 4: Reproductive Ethics (Weeks 9-11 of fall course)	
Week 9: Oct19- Oct26	Topic 4.1	Topic: Human Cloning. Discussion Prompt: Were It Physically Safe, Would Human Reproductive Cloning Be Acceptable?	<i>CDB</i> part 3 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Oct 22; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Oct 26
Week 10: Oct26- Nov2	Topic 4.2	Topic: Abortion. Discussion Prompt: Is the Deliberately Induced Abortion of a Human Pregnancy Ethically Justifiable?	<i>CDB</i> part 4 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply: due Wednesday Oct 29; Medium and Short Replies: due Sunday Nov 2
Week 11: Nov2- Nov9	Topic 4.3	Topic: In Vitro Fertilization. Discussion Prompt: Should In Vitro Fertilization Be an Option for a Woman?	<i>CDB</i> part 14 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Nov 5; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Nov 9
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		Unit 5: Policy Ethics (Weeks 12-14 of fall course)	
Week 12: Nov9- Nov16	Topic 5.1	Topic: Biological Patents. Discussion Prompt: Is It Ethical to Patent or Copyright Genes, Embryos, or Their Parts?	<i>CDB part 5 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Nov 12; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Nov 16</i>
Week 13: Nov16- Nov23	Topic 5.2	Topic: Universal Healthcare. Discussion Prompt: Should the United States of America Adopt Universal Healthcare?	<i>CDB part 10 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Nov 19; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Nov 23</i>
Week 14: Nov23- Nov30	Topic 5.3	Topic: Genetic Enhancement. Discussion Prompt: Is There a Legitimate Place for Human Genetic Enhancement?	<i>CDB part 11 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply due Wednesday Nov 26; Medium and Short Replies due Sunday Nov 30</i>
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		Unit 6: Final Things (Weeks 15-16 of fall course)	
Week 15: Nov30- Dec7	Topic 6.1	Topic: Universal Principles. Discussion Prompt: Are There Universal Ethical Principles That Should Govern the Conduct of Medicine and Research Worldwide?	CDB part 1 / online videos/ Quiz and Long Reply: due Wednesday Dec 3; Medium and Short Replies: due Sunday Dec 7
Finals Week= Dec7- Dec14	Final Exam or Final Paper	<i>Final Exam Option or Final Paper (Philosophical Analysis) Option due@11:59pm Sunday December 14</i> <i>(student choice; higher score taken, lower score dropped)</i>	<i>Final Exam due@11:59pm Sunday December 14</i> <i>or</i> <i>Philosophical Analysis due@11:59pm Sunday December 14</i>
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