

University of Guelph
PHIL 2030-02: Philosophy of Medicine
Fall 2010
LEC Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30AM-10:20AM
ROZH 102

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Contemporary medicine acts like a gravitational force, causing Ethics, Religion, Commerce and Law to collide with Vanity, Convenience, Greed and Fear. Such collisions are bound to produce sparks. In Philosophy of Medicine we will study those sparks, and examine such issues as Abortion, Prenatal screening, mental health, Genetic selection and modification, and animal and human experimentation. Active student participation is essential to the course, though these and many more issues will certainly stimulate animated debate. Ethical theory and Critical Thinking will be studied in the first few weeks of the course.

Course Text:

Fisher, Johnna, Biomedical Ethics A Canadian Focus. Oxford University Press, 2009.
ISBN: 978-0-19-542790-5

Course Evaluation:

Take home Midterm#1	1000 words	20%
Take home Midterm#2	1500 words	30%
Final Exam	Essay question(s)	50%

SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS

E-mail Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Drop Date

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2010 courses, without academic penalty, is **Thursday November 4**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar:
<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Copies of out-of-class assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

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Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

Resources

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at:

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