

College of Arts – Online Course Outline

Course Code: PHIL *3450	Section: 01	Semester: W15
Course Title: Ethics in the Life Sciences		
Instructor: S. Buckley		
Brief Course Synopsis: <p>Much ethical thought on disability has focused on how the needs of the disabled ought to be accommodated in areas such as social policy, health, employment and law. Bioethics has tended to focus on issues such as how disability can be prevented (through the use of prenatal diagnosis or pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, for example), the reproductive choices of disabled persons (particularly when reproductive technologies are sought by disabled persons wishing to be parents) or normalizing the variant body (cochlear implants, for example). In other words, the ethical view has been mostly from the outside looking in. The aim of this course is to attempt to view the moral landscape through the lens of physical impairment. How does variant embodiment affect moral understanding? What does a disability perspective bring to bioethics more generally?</p>		