

Ethics is the study of how one ought to live—with oneself, with others, and in broader communities of practice. Bioethics is the particular study of how one ought to live (which involves how one ought to *think* and *act*) in the context of biomedicine and biotechnology. In this class, we will study ethical issues emergent from biomedical theory, practice, and policy, bringing skills of philosophical reasoning to bear on concepts informing medical understanding and practice. We will primarily be interested in exploring and excavating underlying assumptions about the human subject that typically inform conversations about ethics in the field of medicine. These include ideas related to the body, race, normality, disability, enhancement, reproduction, life, death and dying. We will read texts devoted to understanding matters of epistemology (the study of knowledge or what it is to know), ontology (the study of being or what there is), existential phenomenology (the study of lived human experience), and axiology (the study of value and notions of worth) related to health, well-being, and justice. This course, like any other, is not fully exhaustive of the rapidly growing field of bioethics, but rather offers an introduction to this cluster of topics and the questions generated therein. Welcome. I hope you enjoy.

! This course supports the Department of Philosophy's learning outcomes by encouraging participants to:

- Articulate the content and scope of key topics within the field of bioethics, including patient-physician relationship



## BIOMEDICAL ETHICS

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IN-CLASS  
EXERCISES

MIDTERM  
EXAM

DISCUSSION  
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GROUP PROJECT

FINAL EXAM

# Welcome and Why Bioethics?

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