

PHIL 327: Biomedical Ethics
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Required Texts: Mappes & DeGrazia, Biomedical Ethics, 6th ed.
Sommers, One Nation Under Therapy
Dworkin, Artificial Happiness
Goodman, Lives at Risk

- I Ethical Theory
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 1
- II The Physician-Patient Relationship and Confidentiality
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 2 (except pp. 118-130) and Ch. 3 (pp. 211-221 only)
- III Mental Health and Morality
Sommers and Dworkin
- IV Death and Decisions Regarding Life-Sustaining Treatment
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 5
- V Suicide, Assisted Suicide, and Euthanasia
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 6 (except pp. 404-417)
- VI Abortion and Stem-Cell Research
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 7 (except pp. 483-501)
- VII Genetics and Artificial Human Reproduction
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 8 (except pp. 577-586)
- VIII Health Care Financing
Mappes & DeGrazia, Ch. 9 (except pp. 672-694) and Goodman, Lives at Risk

Written work for the course will consist of two essay exams (midterm in early March and final during the appointed time). No early exams or makeup finals will be offered. Each exam will count for about 45% of the final course grade. The remaining 10% will be determined by improvement (if the final exam grade is better than the midterm) and class participation. There might be extra-credit opportunities such as unannounced in-class writing assignments on the reading and reports on guest lectures that are open to the public on topics covered by the course.

You will need a small-size blue book (larger size is not acceptable) and a pen. No notes or books will be used in taking the exam, though a foreign-language dictionary is permitted. A midterm may be made up only at the instructor's discretion, depending on the reason for having missed the exam on the scheduled day. A medical excuse may be required. Your notes will be your study guide for exams, so regular class attendance and note taking is expected.