

If you remain in the course for a while but lose interest in it and wish to withdraw later, you must drop it yourself. Do not assume that the instructor will automatically drop you after you stop attending lecture or turning in assignments.

My official office hours for the semester will be on Wednesday 1-3, and Tuesday and Thursday 1:15-2:00. My office is Room 334, Breland Hall. My office phone number is 6-1441. The most reliable means of contacting me is through e-mail. My address is dscoccia@nmsu.edu.

Your final course grade will be based on the following:

i) 7-8 homework assignments (Each will pose a question or two about an assigned reading that's answerable in a couple of sentences).	10 points each	70 points
ii) Midterm (3 pages long, handed out about week 7)		50 points
iii) Oral presentation (A 5 to 10 minute class presentation on a topic you sign up for)		30 points
iv) A 3 to 4 page argumentative essay (A list of topics will be handed out about week 10; due week 12)		80 points
v) Final exam (Not comprehensive; to cover material from last 4 or 5 weeks only)		70 points

All of the written assignments will be distributed and must be handed in via the WebCT site for this course. Point totals at the end of the semester will be curved. If you earn, say, 85% of the total points possible that will guarantee you at least a B; it might be enough for an A depending on the curve.

The following schedule is tentative. The instructor reserves the right to announce in class changes in the assigned readings. You should complete the reading for each week before the first lecture of that week. All of the reading is in Bonnie Steinbock, John D. Arras, John London (eds.), *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, 6th ed. Since I will be referring to this book often during lecture, I advise you to have it with you in class.

Week 1	Jan 18	Intro
Week 2	Jan 23	Moral theories: Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Religious Ethics. Reading: pp. 6-17 & 20-26.
Week 3	Jan 30	Doctors and Professional Ethics: Acting in the Patient's Best Interests, and Preserving Client Confidentiality. Reading: p 55; AMA Code of Ethics (handout); pp. 128-131; pp. 111-116; pp. 117-119.
Week 4	Feb. 6	Beneficence vs. Respect for Autonomy: Informed Consent and the Right to Refuse Medical Treatment. Reading: pp. 64-67 & pp. 301-308.
Week 5	Feb 13	Advance Directives, Deciding for Others, Removal of Feeding Tubes. Reading: pp. 320-21; pp. 316-20; pp. 341-348; pp. 348-56.
Week 6	Feb 20	Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide. Reading: pp. 382-94; pp. 394-400.
Week 7	Feb 27	Continued.
Week 8	Mar 6	Definition of Death. Reading: pp. 259-68; pp. 268-76.

Week 9	Mar 13	Abortion. Reading: pp. 461-463; pp. 463-471; pp. 471-482.
	March 19-23	Spring Break
Week 10	Mar 27	Assisted Reproductive Technologies. Reading: pp. 595-605; pp. 605-614.
Week 11	Apr. 3	Commercial Surrogacy. Reading: pp. 615-24; pp. 625-630.
Week 12	Apr 10	Human Cloning. Reading: pp. 631-43; pp. 643-656.
Week 13	Apr 17	Genetic Testing. Reading: pp. 557-63; pp. 563-571
Week 14	Apr. 24	Distributing Scarce Medical Resources Fairly: Alcoholics and Liver Transplants. Reading: pp. 223-228; 228-233.
Week 15	May 1	A Right (Against Society) to Decent Medical Care? Reading: pp. 177-86.

Plagiarism and Cheating

University regulations require me to inform you that plagiarism (both “intentional” and “unintentional”) and cheating will not be tolerated and could possibly result in a F for the course. For a definition of “plagiarism,” go to:

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/plagiarismforstudents.htm>

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Feel free to call Michael Armendariz, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, at 505-646-6840 with any questions you may have on student issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All medical information will be treated confidentially.