

DRAFT OF SYLLABUS

Philosophy 25 Spring 2010

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Texts:

The Basics of Bioethics, 2nd ed. Robert Veatch (Prentice Hall, 2003)

Biomedical Ethics, Mappes & Degrazia (McGraw-Hill, 2006)

Babies by Design, Ronald Green, (Yale, 2007)

Links to additional reading from *The Hastings Center Report* and elsewhere will be posted on blackboard.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

I. Background

Normative versus Descriptive Claims

Overview of Major Ethical Theories

Consequentialism

Deontology

Virtue Ethics

Ethics of Care

Ethical Relativism

Methodology

II. Codes of Ethics

The Hypocratic oath

Benefitting & Avoiding harm

AMA, etc codes of ethics

III. Patient Doctor Relationship

Veracity

Autonomy & Informed Consent

Confidentiality

IV. Death and Life-Sustaining Treatment

Definition of death

Impaired infants

V. Euthanasia/Physician Assisted Suicide

Direct versus indirect killing

Killing and Letting die

Ordinary versus Extraordinary Means

VI. Genetics & Human Reproductive Technology
 Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis
 Gene Therapy
 Genetic Enhancement

Requirements and approximate weight in determination of final grade.

Short Position Papers	25%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
In-Class Participation	15%