

BIOET 401Q: Science, Ethics, Policy, and Law

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Logistics, grading, etc.:

- Meeting Tuesdays + Thursdays, 10:25-11:50, in Sackett 325
- Textbook(s): None (reading online / at the [Github repo](#))
- Grading:
 - Short response / critique papers: three, worth 150 points each
 - A final paper/project, worth 400 points
 - Class participation over the course of the semester, worth 150 points
- Other details are available on the [syllabus](#)...

Course content:

- Part I: Background
 - Philosophy and practice of science
 - Ethics/schools of ethics
 - Scientism
 - Science and law + policy
- Part II: Topics
 - Climate Science
 - Guns and Gun Violence
 - “Nudging”
 - “Big Data”
 - DNA + Neuroscience
 - COVID-19

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Things To Do Before Thursday (8/24/2023)

1. Check out: <https://github.com/PrisonRodeo/SEPL-2023>.
2. Read the following:
 - Sokal, Alan. 2014. "What is Science and Why Should We Care, Part I." *Scientia Salon* Blog, March 26, 2014.
 - Sokal, Alan. 2014. "What is Science and Why Should We Care, Part II." *Scientia Salon* Blog, March 27, 2014.
 - Sokal, Alan. 2014. "What is Science and Why Should We Care, Part III." *Scientia Salon* Blog, March 28, 2014.