

**Medicine, Ethics, and Society**  
**Fall, 2014**

PHL 325M

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**Description:**

The application of ethical theory to medical practice is an important part of modern medicine and public policy. We look at several approaches to ethics and several areas of medicine to gain insights into medical ethics. This course carries the ethics and leadership flag. Consequently, a substantial portion of the grade will involve ethical issues and reasoning.

**Text:**

Steinbock, Arras, London (eds.), *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, eighth edition (McGraw-Hill, 2013).

**Evaluation (+/- Grades will be awarded):**

Five Quizzes: 5% total for all five.

Attendance and participation: 5%.

3 Midterm Exams: 20% each.

Final Exam: 30%.

Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 471-6259.

Week	Topic	Readings	Important Dates
1	Introduction	Th: 1-6.	
2	Moral Philosophy	T: 6-14; Th: 14-23	
3		T: 23-31; Th: 31-41.	
4	Health Care Relationships	T: 59-75; Th: 76-99.	
5	Conflicting Roles, Responsibilities	T: 101-118; Th: 121-142.	
6	Social Justice	T: Midterm; Th: 167-185.	Midterm, 9/30
7	Social Justice	T: 185-208; Th: 210-231.	
8	Social Justice and Allocation	T: 233-247; Th: 247-265.	
9	Allocation, continued	T: 265-275; Th: Midterm.	Midterm, 10/23
10	Decision Making and End of Life Issues	T: 325-342; Th: 343-367.	
11		T: 369-390; Th: 391-416.	
12		T: 437-454; Th: 455-481.	
13	Abortion	T: Exam; Th: 543-573.	Midterm, 11/18
14	Reproduction	T: 602-629.	Thanksgiving, 11/27
15	Human Subjects in Experiments	T: 711-733; Th: 734-757.	

Final Exam as scheduled by the registrar, Wednesday December 10, 9-12.