

# Project

## Final Projects

### Special Submission for Final Draft

The final draft of these projects must be submitted through NJCU's Tk20 site to earn a final grade. Each member of the group must upload the final draft individually. Details are here: <http://www.njcu.edu/general-education/signature-assignment-information-students>

### Due Dates

- 12/07/2016, 12:00pm, first draft submitted through Blackboard
- 12/07/2016, Presentation day 1
- 12/12/2016, Presentation day 2
- 12/16/2016, Final Projects submitted through Tk20. Each student must submit the final project to Tk20. Failure to submit through Tk20 will result in no points for the entire project.

### Final Project

This course has a final project instead of a final exam. The project consists in identifying and researching some current moral controversy.

Pick **one** of the follow questions:

1. Is it permissible to abort a fetus?
2. Should a doctor help her ill patient die commit suicide?
3. Should we ever execute people for their crimes?
4. Should we allow people to reproduce by cloning?
5. Should prostitution be legal?
6. To what extent should we give to charity?

7. Should it be illegal for women to drink and take drugs while pregnant?
8. Should recreational drug use be legalized?
9. Should employers be required to hire American residents and permanent residents over undocumented workers?
10. Should we curb climate change for the sake of future generations?

### **Prompt**

Applied ethicists are more concerned with particular, practical cases than with more abstract theoretical questions. They want to know how, if at all, a hospital should distribute donated organs, whether it is permissible to bribe officials in foreign states to do business, etc. The questions listed above are all hot topics in the United States. Your job will be to answer your question as an applied ethicist. To do so, you need to think both about the effects your issue has on society as a whole as well as the effect it has on individuals within that assignment. Your assignment comes in three parts:

1. After researching articles at [www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com), identify some specific individual who has been affected by your chosen issue. Detail the real life downsides and benefits to that person, their friends, and their families. What would the benefits and downsides have been if the event had not occurred? Back up your answer with evidence from the newspaper articles. (400–600 words)
2. After researching articles at [www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com) from the last 5 years, outline the major downsides and benefits of the current policy governing your chosen issue for society as a whole. What are the likely major downsides and benefits for society as a whole if the policy is changed? Provide full citations to the newspaper articles. (400–600 words)
3. Given the information that you presented in the first two parts of your paper, state your answer to the question and explain how the information from the first two parts of the paper influenced your answer. (200–400 words)

### **Grade Breakdown**

This paper is worth 25 points towards your final grade. 5 points will be awarded towards the first draft of the paper, 5 points towards the presentation, 5 points towards peer evaluation, and 10 points towards the final draft.

## **Plagiarism**

Please review the plagiarism policy on the syllabus. It is critical that you prepare your assignment by yourself. Use only the textbook and handouts—it will take you less time to work through these materials than to find and read other sources. I will be checking for significant overlaps between submission as well as checking answers against Wikipedia, internet search results, standard essay sites, etc. If you include material in your essay without citing it, you will receive 0 for the assignment. A second violation will result in a 0 for the course, a report to the Dean, and a petition for a note to be added to your permanent academic record.

## **Late Submissions**

Per the policies outlined in the syllabus, late work will not be accepted. As the policies also state, there are no make-ups or extra credit opportunities. Any request for special treatment will be ignored. If you foresee difficulties submitting work on time, either because of personal or commitments, then you should start this paper early and submit it early.

## **Format**

Please submit the file as either a word file or simple .rtf file will also suffice.

## **Grading**

Please find the rubric and explanation of it [here](#).

## **Resources**

Please find links to writing resources [here](#)