



Health Care Ethics PhD Program Summer Recommended Reading List

To help ease your transition to PhD-level graduate work, we recommend that you take the summer before your matriculation and familiarize yourself with the texts below (click on the titles to link to Amazon purchase pages). Beauchamp and Childress's *Principles* is a (if not *the*) classic bioethics text which will be referenced frequently throughout coursework. You should know the basic claims of their principlist framework for bioethical analysis. The Govier text is a detailed workbook aimed at helping you understand the structure of arguments and the skills needed for critiquing and constructing normative arguments. These are perhaps the most important skills in our PhD program. The final text (Silvia) is a short and accessible book that will give you practical tips for how to write a lot, a skill you'll be asked to exercise every semester by producing several 25-page normative research papers.

Basic Bioethics:

[Beauchamp & Childress \(2012\). *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*, 7th Ed.](#) New York: Oxford University Press.

Writing/Argument Skills:

[Govier, T. \(2009\). *A Practical Study of Argument*, 7th Ed.](#) Stamford, CT: Thomson Learning.

Silvia, P. (2007). [*How to Write a Lot*](#). American Psychological Association.

In addition to these recommended texts, if you are registered for *Medicine for Ethicists* in the Fall semester you will need to complete the Medical Terminology Research Tool before the start of the semester, by reading and studying the textbook below and completing the attached Study Guide. You will be tested on this material your first week in the program.

[Medical Terminology: A Short Course, 4th ed., by Davi-Ellen Chabner. St. Louis: Elsevier, 2005.](#)