Course Syllabus

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Phi 320 / BIO 312: Bioethics

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To arrange a video chat with me: sign up for an available slot on my

Google Calendar (https://calendar.google.com/calendar/selfsched?

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If none of the available slots work for you, send me an e-mail, and we'll work out an alternative. At the time of the scheduled meeting, use <a href="mailto:time-mailto:the-mai

Course Description:

Bioethics is the study of ethical issues related to biology. This course provides an introduction to bioethics, with special focus on medical ethics. Topics to be covered may include: confidentiality, truth-telling, the role of a doctor, the role of a nurse, the ethics of abortion, the ethics of doctor-assisted suicide, and the permissibly of selling one's own organs. What connects all these topics together are this underlying question: how should we treat one another and our bodies, especially in moments of great need?

No background in ethical theory, in general, or bioethics, in particular, is expected.

Required Texts:

There is no required text for this course. All readings will be made available through Canvas.

Required Technology:

This course requires a computer with Internet access and the following:

Web browsers (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari)

Adobe Acrobat Reader (free)

Adobe Flash Player (free)

Learning Programming Used:

This course makes use of two applications: Canvas and Yellowdig. Yellowdig can be accessed through the Canvas site for the course. It is your responsibility to make sure that you can access all three applications. If you cannot do so, contact the ASU Help Desk for assistance.

Help

For technical support, use the Help icon in the black global navigation menu in your Canvas course or call the ASU Help Desk at +1-(855) 278-5080. Representatives are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Student Learning Outcomes:

It is expected and desired that students will leave this course with a wide body of knowledge related to ethical theory and its application to specific bioethical topics. Students will be able to develop their philosophic reasoning skills, especially their abilities related to reading complex argumentative prose, interpreting and evaluating philosophic argument, applying abstract theory to concrete cases, and developing and expressing philosophic arguments.

Grade Elements:

There are 600 points possible in this course from the grade categories:

Assignment Category	Points Available	Approx. Value
Case Analysis Discussions (6 total)	270 points total	45% of final grade
Concept Maps (12 total)	204 points total	34% of final grade
Yellowdig Participation	100 points total	16% of final grade
Syllabus Quiz	10 points total	1% of final grade
Module 1 Brandt Activity	16 points total	2% of final grade
Study Quizzes	0 points total	0% of final grade

Case Analysis Discussions (CADs): these are discussion board assignments, and there is one corresponding to Modules 2 - 7. The purpose of each CAD is to strengthen and deepen our

understanding of the material being studied in class. Grading is rigorous. Additional instructions will be provided in Canvas; make sure you read them carefully, because they are complex!

Concept Maps: these are visual representations of the major concepts, arguments, theories, etc., that are discussed in a reading. There are 12 due throughout the course of the term. Grading is rigorous. Alternative assignments can be provided for students who are uncomfortable with the visual medium. Additional instructions will be provided in Canvas, along with examples.

Yellowdig Participation: All course discussion, outside of the CADs, will take place in Yellowdig. Go there to ask questions about the course, help each other with understanding the material, raise potential objections or concerns about different theories, show how these theories can be applied to additional cases, make connections to current events, etc. All participation in Yellowdig is graded equally.

While I will provide suggestions about what to discuss on Yellowdig (especially in the lecture videos), there are no precise discussion prompts for you to follow. Additionally, there are no exact deadlines for your Yellowdig participation. It is up to you to decide what to say to your classmates and when. It is an open forum, and I encourage you to think creatively about how Yellowdig discussions can improve your learning experience in this course!

Throughout the entirety of the course, you are expected to earn 1000 points within Yellowdig each week. 6000 Yellowdig points, accrued by the end of the term, equates to 100 points towards your final grade in the class. You can earn up to 1300 Yellowdig points each week, which means there is some "wiggle room" for missing some participation here and there without it affecting your grade. Be warned: you *cannot* earn more than 1300 Yellowdig points each week. This means that, if you wait too long to be active on Yellowdig, it will not be possible for you to earn a perfect score for Yellowdig participation!

Syllabus Quiz: You will not be able to access the rest of the class until you take the syllabus quiz and receive a perfect score.

Module 1 Brandt Activity: This is an activity, intended to acquaint (or reacquaint) you to ethical theories and the process of interpreting philosophic texts. It is listed as a 'quiz' in Canvas, but it is not a quiz. It is an activity, and it will almost certainly take you several hours.

Study Quizzes: There will occasionally be study quizzes provided, just to help you check your understanding of the material. These do not affect your final grade. They are only for practice.

Grade Scale:

588 - 600	98 – 100 %	A+
558 - 587	93 – 97 %	A
540 - 557	90 – 92 %	Α-
522 - 539	87 – 89 %	B+
498 - 521	83 – 86 %	В
480 - 497	80 – 82 %	B-
462 - 479	77 – 79 %	C+
420 - 461	70 – 76%	С
360 - 419	60 – 69 %	D
0 – 359	0 – 59 %	E, EN, or EU

Grades are not rounded. If you receive 449 points total, your final score is a B+. If you receive 449.99 points total, your final score is still a B+.

Extra Credit:

There are occasional opportunities for extra credit. See Canvas for more information.

Email and Internet:

ASU email is an official means of communication among students, faculty, and staff. Students are expected to read and act upon emails/announcements within 24 hours. Students bear the responsibility of missed messages and should check their ASU-assigned email regularly. All instructor correspondence will be sent to your ASU email account and the instructor strongly recommends that you have not disabled the Canvas option of receiving the announcements via email.

I try to respond to e-mails quickly during business hours. If you do not receive a reply within 48 hours, please assume I did not see it and **send your e-mail again**. Make sure I see what you need me to see!

Course Time Commitment:

This three-credit course requires approximately 135 hours of work. Please expect to spend around 18 hours each week preparing for and actively participating in this course.

Course Difficulty:

This is a challenging course, and grading is rigorous.

Late Policy:

All deadlines listed in Canvas are Arizona Time.

There is a 24-hour grace period on all assignments. This means that you can turn work in up to 24 hours after the listed due date without penalty. Example: if the due date listed in Canvas for an assignment is "Tuesday, March 15," then that assignment can be turned in without late penalty until 11:59pm on Wednesday, March 16.

Work turned in after the grace period is subject to a penalty of 10% for each day after the listed due date. This means that work turned in 10 days or more after the listed due date automatically receives a grade of 0.

Absolutely no work for the course will be accepted after 11:59pm on the final day of class.

Missed opportunities to gain points in Yellowdig cannot be made up at any point during the term.

Much of your work in this class is collaborative: your classmates need you to complete your work, so that they can complete theirs. Don't let them down!

Submitting Assignments

All assignments, unless otherwise prearranged with your instructor, MUST be submitted via the associated assignment submission feature in Canvas. Do not submit an assignment via email.

Drop and Add Dates/Withdrawals

This course adheres to a compressed schedule and may be part of a sequenced program, therefore, there is a limited timeline to <u>drop or add the course</u> <u>(https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar)</u>. Consult with your advisor and notify your instructor to add or drop this course. If you are considering a withdrawal, review the following ASU policies: <u>Withdrawal from Classes</u> (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm201-08.html), and a <u>Grade of Incomplete</u> (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm203-09.html).

Grade Appeals

Grade disputes must first be addressed by discussing the situation with the instructor. If the dispute is not resolved with the instructor, the student may appeal to the department chair per the <u>University</u>

Policy for Student Appeal Procedures on Grades (https://catalog.asu.edu/appeal).

Academic Integrity

Academic honesty is expected of all students in any materials intended to be used for an academic evaluation, including, but not limited to: all examinations, papers, presentations, laboratory work, academic transactions and records.

Copyrighted Materials

All content in this course, including but not limited to video lectures, presentations, assignments, discussions, quizzes and exams, is protected by copyright and may not be shared, uploaded, sold, or distributed. Students must refrain from uploading, submitting or distributing any course content or material to any website or to any persons for any reason unless given written permission by the copyright holder. Violations of copyright may result in the sanctions listed below.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

<u>Plagiarism</u> (https://provost.asu.edu/academic-integrity/resources/students#avoiding-plagiarism) is strictly prohibited. Students must refrain from obtaining, uploading or submitting material that is not the student's original work to any course assignment or discussion used in this course or any other course unless the students first comply with all applicable citation guidelines and copyright laws; faculty members reserve the right to delete materials on the grounds of suspected plagiarism and copyright infringement and impose sanctions as listed below.

Academic dishonesty includes any act of academic deceit, including but not limited to possessing, reviewing, buying, selling, obtaining, posting on a site accessible to others, reviewing materials from a site accessible to others, or using, without appropriate authorization, any materials intended to be used for an academic evaluation.

Prohibition of Distributing or Selling Class Notes

Students may not share outside the class, upload, sell, or distribute course content or notes taken during the course. In accordance with <u>ACD 304-06 Commercial Note Taking Services</u>

(http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-06.html), written permission must be secured from the official instructor of the class in order to sell the instructor's oral communication in the form of notes.

Notes must have the notetaker's name as well as the instructor's name, the course number, and the date.

Sanctions for Academic Integrity Violations

Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal from ASU. For more information, see http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity (http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity)

Do note, I understand that academic dishonesty is often a result of desperation: the assignment is confusing, or the student doesn't know how to complete it. People don't want to cheat, but they resort to it when they don't know how else to succeed. This means that, if you start feeling motivated to cheat in this class, you should reach out to me for help. Sometimes, something as simple as having the instructions clarified for you is all it takes to help you feel empowered to succeed on your own merits. So, make sure you reach out to me the moment you start feeling like you need help. All you have to do is send me an e-mail that says, "I don't know how to complete [assignment]," and we can go from there. Let me help you succeed!

Student Conduct and Appropriate Behavior

Additionally, required behavior standards are listed in the Student Code of Conduct and Student
Disciplinary Procedures
(http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm104-01.html), Computer, Internet, and Electronic Communications policy
(https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm104-02.html) policy against threatening behavior, per the Student Services Manual, "Handling Disruptive, Threatening, or Violent Individuals on Campus", and outlined by the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities
(https://students.asu.edu/srr).

Anyone in violation of these policies is subject to sanctions.

Students are entitled to receive instruction free from interference

(http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm104-02.html) by other members of the class. An instructor may withdraw a student from the course when the student's behavior disrupts the educational process per Instructor Withdrawal of a Student for Disruptive Classroom Behavior (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/usi/usi201-10.html).

Netiquette --appropriate online behavior-- is defined by the instructor and includes keeping course discussion posts focused on the assigned topics. Students must maintain a cordial atmosphere and use tact in expressing differences of opinion. Inappropriate discussion posts may be deleted by the instructor.

If you deem content shared by an instructor or student offensive, bring it to the attention of the instructor or, alternatively, to the unit chair or director.

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities accepts <u>incident reports</u>
(https://students.asu.edu/srr/report) from students, faculty, staff, or other persons who believe that a student or a student organization may have violated the Student Code of Conduct.

<u>Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Title VII and Title IX)</u> (http://help.asu.edu/sims/selfhelp/SelfhelpKbView.seam?parature_id=8373-8193-4547)

Policy on Discrimination

Arizona State University is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation for the entire university community, including all students, faculty members, staff employees, and guests.

Title VII

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that provides that no person be discriminated against based on certain specified characteristics: sex, race, color, national origin and religion, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and genetic information. ASU expressly prohibits discrimination (https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html#discrimination), harassment (https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html#harassment), and retaliation (https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html#retaliation) by employees, students, contractors, or agents of the university based on any protected status.

Inappropriate conduct need not rise to the level of a violation of federal or state law to constitute a violation of this policy and to warrant disciplinary action/sanctions.

Title IX

Title IX is a federal law that provides that no person be excluded on the basis of sex from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Both Title IX and university policy make clear that sexual violence and harassment based on sex is prohibited.

Reporting Title VII and IX Violations

Your instructor is a mandated reporter and therefore obligated to report any information regarding alleged acts of sexual discrimination, including sexual violence and dating violence.

An individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual violence or harassed on the basis of sex can seek support, including counseling and academic support, from the university. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex or sexually assaulted, you can find information and resources at (http://help.asu.edu/sims/selfhelp/SelfhelpKbView.seam?

parature_id=8373-8193-4547) http://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/faqs.

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ASU Counseling Services, https://eoss.asu.edu/counseling (https://eoss.asu.edu/counseling), is available if you wish to discuss any concerns confidentially and privately.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to complete the course evaluation. The feedback provides valuable information to the instructor and the college and is used to improve student learning. Students are notified when the online evaluation form is available.

Accessibility Statement

In compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended (ADAAA) of 2008, professional disability specialists and support staff at the Disability Resource Center (DRC) facilitate a comprehensive range of academic support services and accommodations for qualified students with disabilities.

Qualified students with disabilities may be eligible to receive academic support services and accommodations (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm701-01.html). Eligibility is based on qualifying disability documentation and assessment of individual need. Students who believe they have a current and essential need for disability accommodations are responsible for requesting accommodations and providing qualifying documentation (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm701-02.html) to the DRC. Every effort is made to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities.

Qualified students who wish to request accommodation for a disability should contact the DRC by going to https://eoss.asu.edu/drc, calling (480) 965-1234 or emailing DRC@asu.edu. To speak with a specific office, please use the following information:

ASU Online and Downtown Phoenix Campus

University Center Building, Suite 160

602-496-4321 (Voice)

Polytechnic Campus

480-727-1165 (Voice)

West Campus

University Center Building (UCB), Room 130

602-543-8145 (Voice)

Tempe Campus

480-965-1234 (Voice)

Syllabus Disclaimer:

The syllabus is a statement of intent and serves as an implicit agreement between the instructor and the student. Every effort will be made to avoid changing the course schedule but the possibility exists that unforeseen events will make syllabus changes necessary. Once Canvas is open for viewing, the information on Canvas should be considered definitive. Where there is a difference, Canvas postings will

supersede anything in the initial syllabus. Please remember to check your ASU email and the course site often.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Mon May 17, 2021	② 0.1: Syllabus Quiz (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211043)	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 19, 2021	1.1: Brandt Activity (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211044)	due by 11:59pm
Mon May 24, 2021	CAD 2: First Post (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233143)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 2.1: Katz (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233127)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 2.2: Brody (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233128)	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 26, 2021	CAD 2.2: Brody (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211056)	due by 11:59pm
	CAD 2: Katz & Brody (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211057)	due by 11:59pm
Mon May 31, 2021	CAD 2 Extra Credit (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233158)	due by 11:59pm
	CAD 3: First Post (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233144)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 3.1: Foddy (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233129)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 3.2: Asai & Kadooka (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233130)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 2, 2021	CAD 3.2: Asai & Kadooka (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211054)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	CAD 3: Foddy, Asai & Kadooka (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211055)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 5, 2021	CAD 4: First Post (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233145)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 4.1:West-Oram & Buyx (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233131)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 4.2: Howard (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233132)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 7, 2021	CAD 4.2: Howard (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211053)	due by 11:59pm
	Example CAD 4: Howard, West-Oram & Buyx (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211052)	due by 11:59pm
	CAD 3 Extra Credit (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2263992)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 9, 2021	CAD 5: First Post (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233149)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 5.1: Newell (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233134)	due by 11:59pm
	Map 5.2: Goering (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2233135)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jun 11, 2021	CAD 5.2: Goering (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211049)	due by 11:59pm
	CAD 5: Newell, Goering (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2211051)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 14, 2021	CAD 4 Extra Credit (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2271882)	due by 11:59pm

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Wed Jun 16, 2021 Map 6.1: Freeman & Stewart (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718)	due by 11:59pm
Map 6.2: Peña-Guzmán & Reynolds (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm //assignments/2233138)
CAD 6.2: Freeman & Stewart (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jun 18, 2021 CAD 6: Freeman & Stewart, Peña-Guzmán & Reynolds (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm //assignments/2211048)
Mon Jun 21, 2021 State of the control of the contr	due by 11:59pm
CAD 7: First Post (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	<u>/assignments/2233151)</u> due by 11:59pm
Wed Jun 23, 2021 Map 7.1: Russell (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718)	due by 11:59pm
Map 7.2: Specker Sullivan (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm
Fri Jun 25, 2021 Sullivan (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm /assignments/2211046)
CAD 7.2: Specker Sullivan (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm
Code of Ethics Review (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	due by 11:59pm
Yellowdig Participation (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718	/assignments/2211060) due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	CAD 6 Extra Credit (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2291486)	due by 11:59pm
	Map: Brandt Extra Credit (https://canvas.asu.edu/courses/86718/assignments/2247633)	due by 11:59pm