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Chaminade University of Honolulu

Religion 330²⁰ Biomedical Ethics Spring 2000 Kaneohe MCBH Sat 08:00-12:10

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Examines Christian perspectives on ethical issues in the fields of biology, medicine, and the life sciences. The goals are to assist the students to develop an understanding of the personal and social dimensions of these ethical perspectives, methods for dealing with relevant ethical issues, and the historical development of the Christian communities' reflections and moral teachings in this area of study. Fulfills interdisciplinary course requirement. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: RE 103, RE 200 permission of instructor.

TEXT: *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*, Fifth Edition, John D. Arras and Bonnie Steinbock, eds., Mountain View, California: Mayfield Publishing, 1999.

OBJECTIVES

Students will achieve increased dexterity in moral questions presented by medical and technological advances. The first step in doing so is a basic understanding of ethical theory, especially those inspired by religious traditions. The second step is recognizing the domains of ethical responsibility, the personal, the professional, and the social. And finally, the third step is developing the ability to relate theory to practice, to evaluate ethical positions, and to develop a defensible position of one's own.

EVALUATION

Regular attendance at class sessions is essential to success in this course. Participation will count towards 20% of grade. Students will lead class discussion on an assigned a topic (20%), undergo a mid-term examination (20%), and write a paper of 10-12 pages (40%) on a relevant topic of their choice (with approval of instructor).

Calendar

Specific readings to be assigned in class.

April 8: First class Quick introduction to Ethical Theory

April 10: last day to register/add/drop

April 15 Patient-Professional relation: Duties

April 22 Patient-Professional relation: Consent, and Conflict.

April 29 Euthanasia, Death, Dying.

May 6: Contraception, Abortion, Procreative autonomy and Responsibility.

May 13 Reproductive Technologies. Mid-term Exam

May 20 Cloning: Of Mice and Sheep (and Pigs!)

May 22 Last day to withdraw

May 27 Human Experimentation

June 3 Distributive Justice: Allocation of medical care.

June 10 Last class. Final Paper due.