

HS2610 – Introduction to Ethics in Health Winter 2011

Who? Dr. Ken Kirkwood

Where? » Class is in Nat Sci 1 (AKA 'the Dungeon')
» My office is in Labatt HSB, room #211

When? » Class runs from 12:30 to 2:20pm on Thursdays
» My office hours run from 2:30 to 3:30 on Thursdays

How? » Classes combined with tutorials (see your individual tutorial schedule).

Why? » Because you have to (this class is mandatory for BSHc degree students), plus I try my best to teach you *something*.

What do we read?

» There are two textbooks (both used last year):

- 1.) *Biomedical Ethics: A Canadian Focus* edited by Joanna Fisher
- 2.) *Making Sense: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing* (6th edition) by M. Northey & J. McKibbin

What are we covering?

January 06: Introductions & Syllabus Review

January 13: Ethical Theory

January 20: Medical Decision-Making

January 27: Managing Medical Information

February 03: End-of-Life Decision-Making

February 10: Mid-Term Exam (in class)

February 18: Moral Status of the Human Fetus & Infant

February 24: Break Week!

March 03: Genetic Technology Use

March 10: Access to Health Care

March 17: Ethics of Animal Use

March 24: Research with Humans

March 31: Exam review & Q & A

How are we graded?!?!

5% - Opinion Article

**write a maximum of two double-spaced pages in response to the Kansas City Star article “Nursing student expelled for Facebook photo”*

**you don’t need any external sources or referencing, but your argument will have to be well-structured and well-written.*

**due on January 20th in class (only)*

**specific details can be found in the “Opinion Article” document on WebCT*

25% - Mid-term exam

**60-ish multiple choice questions, answered in class during class time on Feb. 10th.*

35% - Major essay

**write a maximum of six double-spaced pages taking a stance on the issues of the (true) scenario I’ll give you. (details to come)*

**you will need academic references, and your argument will have to be clear, well-structured, free of obvious weaknesses and well-written.*

**specific details can be found in the “Major Essay” document on WebCT.*

35% - Final Exam

**multiple choice, 3 hours, schedule to be announced by the Registrar’s Office. I don’t know how many questions yet. I’ll tell you later.*

What about Tutorials? Is attendance taken?

»No, attending will be helpful to you, but no one is going to check up on you to see if you went. By skipping you might miss some information which can help you do better in the class.

What about all those policies and rules and other stuff?

»All of that important reading is available on WebCT under “Policies” and you should take the time to read it – seriously. It’s not Harry Potter, but it’s worth reading none the less.