

Welcome to HS4610G – Professional Ethics in Health in 2015

Who?	Dr. Ken Kirkwood (Room #211 Labatt HSB)
Where?	Labatt HSB 9
When?	Class on Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30, Tutorials on Fridays 9:30-10:30
Why?	You must have liked HS2610? (see also "Prerequisites" subheading)
How?	Read on and learn...

Prerequisite(s):

Health Sciences 2610F/G with a minimum mark of 75%.

Textbooks

- 1.) Readings and Listenings posted to OWL

Assignments

- 1.) 3 peer commentaries to any 3 course readings (3 x 10% each)
- 2.) 1 assignment narrative project (1 x 15% each)
- 3.) Major Essay (1 x 55%)

Major Essay Topic: Any topic related to an issue that you can justify to me as both an ethical concern and health-related (in the broad sense of the term). The essay is due in class on April 2nd, and failure to bring the essay to class without officially accepted excuse will result in a 100% late penalty (meaning your essay is worth 0.00%).

Topic Schedule*

Week 1 – Syllabus review, introductions, expectations, etc.

Week 2 – What is the boundary in professional relationships?

Week 3 – Should we have “absolute” confidentiality in healthcare?

Week 4 – Must healthcare workers report for duty during pandemics?

Week 5 – Do we ever really give fully informed consent?

Week 6 – Let’s ban trans-fats!

Week 7 – Reading Week!

Week 8 – Should HCWs have to get vaccinated?

Week 9 – Should students be allowed to “dope”?

Week 10 – Conflict of Interest

Week 11 – Playing the organ: Should we be forced to donate?

Week 12 – Are students a vulnerable research population?

Week 13 – Of Golf balls and mind-control: corporate gifts to HCWs

*see “reading schedule” for assigned readings for each week.

Student Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at The University of Western Ontario, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>.

English Proficiency for the Assignment of Grades

Visit the website <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/english.pdf>.

Accommodation for Medical Illness or Non-Medical Absences

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website:
<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>.

Documentation is required for non-medical absences where the course work missed is more than 10% of the overall grade. Students may contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office for what documentation is needed. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student's Faculty of registration. For BHSc students, you may go to the School of Health Studies Office in HSB room 222.

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf .

Additionally,

1. All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

2. Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Support Services

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1. Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
2. Student Health -- <http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html>
3. Registrar's Office -- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
4. Ombuds Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>