

Institute for the Medical Humanities
MEHU 6306 Foundations of Bioethics Fall 2016

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Required Texts:

Principles of Biomedical Ethics by Beauchamp and Childress

Clinical Ethics by Jonsen, Siegler and Winslade (This text will be provided by the instructor)

Assignments:

As time permits we will read recent articles. Each student will write and present a critical analysis (15 pages or more) on a key concept or issue in biomedical ethics.

General Information about Course Expectations and Requirements:

Seminar Discussion:

Students will be expected to have read the assigned works before coming to class and be ready and able to participate fully in a discussion—that is, to ask questions as well as posit ideas; to listen and respond to others; and to strive to see that all members of the group contribute equally to the conversation.

Late papers will not be accepted unless students have contacted the instructor in advance of the deadline day, formally requested an extension, and thoroughly explained the need for such an extension. Such requests may be approved at the instructor's discretion depending upon extenuating circumstances. In the interest of fairness and equity, grades on late papers may be lowered depending upon the circumstances and length of the extension.

Components of Final Grade:

Seminar Participation	25%
Seminar Paper Draft	ungraded
Final Seminar Paper	<u>75%</u>
	100%

Appealing a Grade:

Any appeals for grading changes must be submitted to the instructors responsible for the writing and grading of the question within 5 business days after the return of the graded assessment to the student. The instructors must report any grade changes to the course director.

Course Evaluations

End-of-course evaluations are required for all GSBS courses that are graded A-F. The GSBS Executive Committee voted in July and August 2007 to reaffirm this policy, which is required for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Students are required to complete evaluations in any course graded A- F in order to receive a grade in the course. If a completed evaluation form is not received from a student, an Incomplete (I) grade will be reported to the Office of Enrollment Services. If the course evaluation is not completed within thirty days, the grade of "I" automatically converts to a grade of F (failure in the course). The evaluations are anonymous and are available to the course director and instructor(s) only after grades have been assigned.