YLSM/YSM/YMM 6304 (3 credit hours)
Bioethics
Spring 2017
Thursday, 8:30-11:15 a.m.
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Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the basic principles and topics in Bioethics. The subjects covered will be selected from the following: suffering; issues at the beginning of life; genetics; transplantation; experimentation; distribution of health care; issues at the end of life.

Topical Outline

- Moral Principles as Applied to Bioethics: Conscience, Informed Consent, Proxy Consent, Cooperation
- Experimentation on Human Subjects
- Transplantation
- Issues at the End of Life
- Issues at the Beginning of Life

Required Texts:

4. USCCB. Ethical and Religious Directives.

Calendar

Classes meet from 8:30-11:15 p.m., Thursday, during the Spring 2017 semester as follows:

Jan. 19 (Dr. Mary Kelleher), 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 (No class; Spring Break), 23 (Midterm), 30, April 6 (Presentations Begin), 13 (No class, Easter break), 20, 27, May 4
Course Requirements & Grading:

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**Attendance & Participation**
Attendance and participation at each class is required. Participation is especially important during student presentations. Students who miss any class without the consent of the professor will have their grades adjusted accordingly.

**Presentation**
Using an assigned case as a starting point, each student will make a **30 minute** presentation. The audience is assumed to be made up of well-educated adults who have some knowledge of basic moral theology and who have some responsibility for decision making in a health care facility. The presentation should include the appropriate Church teaching and moral principles but should also include pertinent pastoral implications. When appropriate the presenter should demonstrate a knowledge of opposing views and theological opinions.

In addition to the 30 minute presentation, MA/STB students must hand in a 15 item annotated bibliography. The bibliography is due on May 4.

**Examinations**
The mid-term examination shall be administered in written form. The final examination shall be administered orally. Both exams are cumulative.

**Incompletes**
Incompletes will not be given except for the most serious circumstances.

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