

BIOL5131 (CRN 24515)
Ethical, Social, and Political Dimensions
Spring 2016

Instructor:

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Hours: by appointment

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Class Meetings: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM Wed

Classroom: Liberal Arts Building 210

Text: There is no textbook for this class. Handouts on selected topics will be distributed when appropriate.

Grading:

Attendance:	50% of the grade
Presentation:	20%
Essays:	30% (three essays, making 10% per each essay)

Presentation is on a case report relevant to the course's scope (topics listed in the next page) and for about 10 min followed by 10 to 15 min discussion. Topics and contents triggering active discussion are highly preferable.

Three essays are due. Each essay on your thoughts/feedbacks on the topics listed in the next page should be about one page, single spaced, and font Arial 11, and should be submitted electronically via email. **Each essay is due by Feb 24, Mar 23, and Apr 27.**

Final grades will be assigned as follows:

A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59

Academic Integrity. Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarship free from fraud and deception. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabrication of information or citations, facilitating acts of dishonesty by others, possessing unauthorized copies of examinations, submitting the work of others claimed as one's own, submitting work used for other classes (without the knowledge of the instructor) or tampering with the work of other students. All work submitted for this class must be original and not the result of discussions with others. Instances of academic dishonesty threaten the atmosphere of trust and free exchange of ideas. Such instances will result in the offending student receiving a failing grade for work discovered to be fraudulent and for egregious cases, the student may be dismissed from the class with a failing grade.

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Discussion Topics:

Legal issues arising from advanced genetic information (Criminal and Civil cases)
Stem cell research, gene transfer and genetic engineering
Experimental use of animals (primates, rodents, etc.)
Research involving human subjects (informed consent, etc.)
Scientific Integrity – research misconduct (data fabrication, etc.)
Academic and social issues related to performance enhancing drugs (Ritalin, etc.)

Schedule

Class	Date	Topic
1	Jan 27	Introduction and overview
2	Feb 3	FAS
3	Feb 10	FAS/Legal issues
4	Feb 17	No class
5	Feb 24	Legal issues/stem cell research 1 st essay due
6	Mar 2	Stem cell research, genetic engineering
7	Mar 16	Research involving human subjects
8	Mar 23	Animal research 2 nd essay due
9	Mar 30	Research Integrity
10	Apr 6	Research Integrity
11	Apr 13	Case presentations
12	Apr 20	Case presentations
13	Apr 27	Case presentations 3 rd essay due
14	May 4	Issues related to performance enhancing drugs & other left-over topics

No class on Mar 9 (Spring Break)

***Please email me the case to be presented in a ppt file by Sunday before the scheduled presentation day.**