

Phil 164: Medical Ethics
Fall 2007
Reading and Lecture Schedule

The schedule may be subject to change at various points in the semester, especially if we fall behind in lectures. Any changes will be announced in class. Sometimes I have scheduled more than one class to discuss a single reading. Unless otherwise noted, you should read *all* of the scheduled reading before the *first* class in which we discuss it. You should break up the reading into parts only when I list the reading in parts (e.g., Bennett, part 1). I'll also tell you in class when to read only part of an article.

W Sep. 5: Course logistics.

F Sep. 7: Introduction to *Bioethics* (B pp. 1-7), Lecture on philosophy.

M Sep. 10: Introduction to logic (handout).

W Sep. 12: Logic, continued.

Begin Unit 1

F Sep. 14: Logic Quiz 1 (mandatory); James Rachels, "Active and Passive Euthanasia" (B pp. 288-291).

M Sep. 17: Rachels, continued.

W Sep. 19: Winston Nesbitt, "Is Killing No Worse Than Letting Die?" (B pp. 292-295).

F Sep. 21: Logic Quiz 2 (optional); Nesbitt, continued.

M Sep. 24: Helga Kuhse, "Why Killing Is Not Always Worse Than Letting Die" (B pp. 297-299).

W Sep. 26: Jonathan Bennett, "Whatever the Consequences" part 1 (handout): (read through *Aspects of the Distinction: First Group*).

F Sep. 28: Bennett, part 2 (through *Acting and Refraining*).

M Oct. 1: Bennett, part 3.

Begin Unit 2

W Oct. 3: Jonathan Glover, "Questions About Some Uses of Genetic Engineering" Part 1 (B pp. 187-191).

F Oct. 5: Glover, part 2 (B pp. 191-197).

M Oct. 8: No Class.

T Oct. 9 (Monday Schedule) : David Resnik, "The Moral Significance of the Therapy-Enhancement Distinction" part 1(B pp. 209-212).

W Oct. 10 : Resnik, part 2 (B pp. 212-216).

F Oct .12: Newson/Williamson, "Should We Undertake Genetic Research on Intelligence?" (B pp. 219-225).

M Oct 15: Newson/Williamson, continued.

W Oct 17: Overflow/Review.

F Oct 19: Overflow/Review.

M Oct. 22: *No Class (Study)*

W Oct. 24: *Mid-Term Examination*

Begin Unit 3

F Oct. 26: Helga Kuhse, "Confidentiality: An Imprudent Formulation" (PDF handout).

M Nov. 29: Roger Higgs, "On Telling Patients the Truth", (B pp. 611- 616).

W Oct. 31: Schwartz, "Autonomy, Futility, and the Limits of Medicine" (PDF handout).

F Nov. 2: Robert Veatch, "Abandoning Informed Consent" (B pp. 636-644).

M Nov. 5: Veatch, continued.

W Nov. 7: Julian Savulescu, "Rational Desires and the Limitation of Life-Sustaining Treatment" part 1 (B pp. 646-650, through the end of "Part 1").

F Nov. 9: Savulescu, part 2 (B pp. 651-656).

M Nov. 12: *No Class.*

Begin Unit 4

W Nov. 14: Savulescu, concluded (B pp. 656-end).

F Nov. 16: Plato, selections (handout).

M Nov. 19: James Rachels "When Philosophers Shoot from the Hip", (B pp. 703-705).

W Nov. 21: *No Class.*

Thanksgiving Break

M Nov. 26: Jonathan Moreno, "Ethics Consultation as Moral Engagement" (B pp. 707-713).

W Nov. 28: Moreno, continued.

F Nov. 30: Dan Brock, "Truth or Consequences" (B pp. 715-718).

M Dec. 3: Film.

W Dec. 5: Film.

F Dec. 7: Overflow/Review.

M Dec. 10: Overflow/Review.

W Dec. 12: Overflow/Review.

F Dec. 14: *No Class (Study)*.

Final Exam: TBA