Bemidji State University

BIOL 5339: Bioethics

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: *. *
Lab Hours/Week: *. *
OJT Hours/Week: *. *
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

In this online Bioethics course we will grapple with the many philosophical, ethical, and practical questions created by advances in medicine and biology using a combination of readings, case studies, scientific literature, and popular culture. The course has undergraduate and graduate sections and is intended for students in their Junior year of college or later. Topics include prenatal testing, abortion, assisted suicide, human augmentation/transhumanism, cloning, disability rights, animal rights, genetically modified organisms, and environmental ethics.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/21/2017 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. At Death's Door: Healthcare Decisions at the End of Life
2. Ethics of Dominion: Every Creeping Thing That Creepeth Upon the Earth
3. Introduction and Ethical Frameworks
4. Reproductive Citizens: Parents' Rights, Infants' Rights, and Technology

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. recognize and apply distinct formal ethical approaches to different biomedical dilemmas.
2. identify ethical, moral, and philosophical questions raised by advances in medical care and biotechnology.
3. apply the concept of personhood as it relates to individual rights in healthcare decision making and resource allocation.
4. analyze the impact that these issues can have on individual humans and animals, and the societal impact on the law, social equality, civil liberties, and the common good.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted