

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS6403														
Subject Title	Health Care Ethics														
Credit Value	3 (Compulsory)														
Level	6														
Responsible Staff (Department)	Dr Wong Ching-wa (APSS)														
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil														
Objectives	To develop students' ability in critical appraisal of bioethical concepts and theories for their application to ethical discourse on biomedical and health care issues														
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Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. evaluate how ethical theories offer divergent understandings of the central values that frame health care and bioethical discourse b. critically appraise the contemporary issues in biomedical and health care ethics, taking into account the context of technological and social changes, and the challenges of moral pluralism c. articulate the relevant knowledge and skills needed to critically analyze and assess normative positions taken on the biomedical and health care issues at local, regional, and international levels d. justify their ethical viewpoints in ethical argumentation on specific biomedical and health care issues by adopting global and cross-cultural perspectives 														

<p>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</p>	<p>Conceptualization of ethical issues and approaches to ethical decision making in different moral theories: Kantian obligation-based ethics, utilitarian consequence-based ethics, libertarian right-based ethics, feminist care ethics, agent-based virtue ethics, Chinese Confucian ethics.</p> <p>Ethical argumentation: the ability to identify the issues at stake in health care and bioethics, and how the issues are presented at local, regional, and international levels; the ability to critically assess arguments and positions; the ability to carefully and clearly articulate ethical issues; and draw on rival moral theories to examine competing ethical justifications in moral reasoning, to defend one’s own moral position and to engage in consensus formation.</p> <p>Global and cross-cultural perspectives on ethical discourse of specific biomedical and health care issues are explored, such as genetic engineering, reproductive technology, human experimentation, complementary and alternative medicine, life-sustaining treatment in end-of-life care, euthanasia, health resource rationing.</p>																																						
<p>Teaching/Learning Methodology</p>	<p><u>Lecture</u></p> <p>They are conducted to examine and critically appraise the concepts and theories of ethics as applied to health care.</p> <p><u>Seminar</u></p> <p>Case studies and problem-based triggers will be used for engaging students in clarifying their ethical viewpoints and articulating ethical argumentation. Students would critically evaluate one’s own performance and to constructively criticize peers’ performance in the seminar.</p>																																						
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	<p><u>Individual paper</u></p> <p>Students will be assessed on their ability to deliberate, analyse, articulate, and critique contemporary issues in biomedical and health care ethics by taking into account of competing theories and multi-cultural perspectives.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; • The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and • Student must pass all the components if he/she is to pass the subject. 	
<p>Student Study Effort Expected</p>	<p>Class contact:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture 	<p>14 Hrs.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seminar 	<p>25 Hrs.</p>
	<p>Other student study effort:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extensive reading 	<p>60 Hrs.</p>
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	<p>Total student study effort</p>	<p>159 Hrs.</p>
<p>Reading List and References</p>	<p>Indicative Reading List:</p> <p>Beauchamp, Tom L., Childress, James F. (2013). <i>Principles of Biomedical Ethics</i>. (7th edition). New York: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Cohen MH. (2003). <i>Future Medicine</i>. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.</p> <p>Davis AJ, Tschudin V, de Raeye L. (eds) (2006). <i>Essentials of Teaching and Learning in Nursing Ethics: Perspectives and Methods</i>. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone/Elsevier</p> <p>Dickenson, Donna, Huxtable, Richard, & Parker, Michael. (2010). <i>The Cambridge Medical Ethics Workbook: Case Studies, Commentaries, and Activities</i> (2nd edition), Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Engelhardt HT. (1996) <i>The Foundations of Bioethics</i> (2nd edition). New York: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Fan RP (ed.) (1999). <i>Confucian Bioethics</i>. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.</p> <p>Gilligan, C.; Ward, J.; Taylor, V.; McLean, J.; Bardige, B. (1988). <i>Mapping the Moral Domain: A Contribution of Women's Thinking to Psychological Theory and Education</i>. USA: Harvard University Press.</p>	

	<p>Hope, Tony (2004). <i>Medical Ethics: A Very Short Introduction</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>May, W.F. (2001). <i>Beleaguered Rulers: The Public Obligation of the Professional</i>, Louisville. Kent : Westminster John Knox Press.</p> <p>Pang MCS. (2003). <i>Nursing Ethics in Modern China: Conflicting Values and Competing Role Requirements</i>. Amsterdam-New York: Rodopi.</p> <p>Sandel, Michael J (2007). <i>The Case against Perfection: Ethics in the Age of Genetic Engineering</i>. Cambridge, MA & London: The Belknap Press.</p> <p>Tao J, Lai PW (Eds.). (2002). <i>Cross-cultural Perspectives on the (Im)Possibility of Global Bioethics</i>. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.</p> <p>Ten Have HAMJ, Sass HM (eds.) (1998). <i>Consensus Formation in Healthcare Ethics</i>. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.</p>
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