

Course:

BIO 3000 An Introduction to Biomedical Ethics

2 hours

Departments/Programs:

Biology

An introduction to the ethical issues raised by modern biological and medical research and clinical medicine. Case studies and readings will be used to present the following ethical issues: environmental ethics; patients' rights and physicians' responsibilities; abortion, euthanasia, and definitions of death; allocation of medical resources; humans as experimental subjects; behavioral technologies; genetic testing, screening, and manipulation; and reproductive technologies. Student participation will involve class discussions and oral and written presentations.

One 2-hour lecture/discussion session per week.

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing and at least 16 hours in biology coursework.