

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) COURSES

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-12): Bioethics

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Bioethics GE 12	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

Learning Objectives

- The course aims at ethical analysis of the topics within the realm of bio-medical sciences and legal studies.
- It is a career-oriented curriculum which enables students to develop competence in policy making and participation in ethics committee of various medical and care institutes.
- It sensitizes the minds towards the ongoing ethical dilemmas

Course Learning Outcomes

- The learning outcomes of this course are multidimensional. It forms a strong base in the field of research of ethics and medicine care.
- It would also increase the student's ability to identify their role in capacity building
- It directly enforces student's role in social responsibility.

UNIT I- INTRODUCING BIOETHICS

(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Historical Survey of Bioethics
2. Main Themes of Bioethics

Essential/ Recommended Readings

Khuse, H and P. Singer. "What is Bioethics? A Historical Introduction." In *A Companion to Bioethics* 2nd ed., Edited by H. Kuhse and P. Singer, 3-11. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2009

UNIT 2- CORE CONCEPTS

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Issues regarding Informed Consent
2. The Concept of Confidentiality

Essential/Recommended Readings

Beauchamp, Tom L. "Informed consent: Its Historical Meaning and Present Challenges" In *Bioethics: An Anthology* 3rd ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse, Udo Schuklenk and Peter Singer, 635-641. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.

Slowther, Anne and Irwin Kleinman. "Confidentiality" In *Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics*, Edited by P. Singer and A. M. Viens, 43-48. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

UNIT-3 ETHICAL DILEMMAS

(12 Hours,

4 Weeks)

1. Women's Rights to her Body
2. Mother: Biological and Stand-In Mothers

Essential/Recommended Readings

Warren, Mary Anne. "Abortion." In *A Companion to Bioethics* 2nd Ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer, 140-148. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2009.

Steinbock, Bonnie. "The Surrogate Motherhood as Prenatal Adoption." In *Law, Medicine and Healthcare* 6, no. 1 (1988): 44-50.

UNIT 4- PERSONS AND LIVES

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Life on the scale of Values
2. Philosophical Issues of Assisted Reproduction

Essential/Recommended Readings

Harris, John. "Value of Life". In *Bioethics: An Anthology* 3rd ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse, Udo Schuklenk and Peter Singer, 397-405. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.

Purdy, Laura M. "Assisted Reproduction, Prenatal Testing and Sex Selection." In *A Companion to Bioethics* 2nd Ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer, 178-192. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2009.

Suggestive Readings

Jecker, Nancy S., Albert R. Johnson, and Robert A. Pearlman, eds. *Bioethics : An Introduction to the history, method and practice*. New Delhi: Jones and Barlett, 2010.

Arthur L. Caplan and Robert Arp, eds. *Contemporary debates in Bioethics*. UK: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2014.