



Course code	BIO2001
Course title (English)	Bioethics
Course title (Chinese)	生物伦理学
Units	1
Language of Instruction	English
Description (English)	This course provides an overview of the major areas of bioethics. Students will gain familiarity with the terminology, resources, and major frameworks of ethical analysis in the field. Issues that will be examined and analyzed include historical foundations of bioethics, clinical ethics, public health ethics, research ethics and animal care ethics.
Description (Chinese)	本課程將概述生命倫理學的主要領域。學生將知悉倫理學術語、資源，以及倫理學分析主要框架的相關知識。本課程將要研究和分析的問題包括生物倫理學的歷史基礎、臨床倫理學、公共衛生倫理學、研究倫理學和動物護理倫理學。

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to

- Know terminology, perspectives and historical background of bioethics
- Recognise relationships between humanities and bioethics
- Understand importance of Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice in clinical research
- Understand basics of survey & behavioural, publication and animal care ethics
- Understand some ethical dilemmas related to beginning-of-life, end-of-life and disability & enhancement
- Appreciate differences, competing interests and tensions between public health and clinical ethics
- Understand challenges of allocating scarce resources
- Gain perspectives of global issues and distributive justice
- Communicate ideas and arguments, verbally and in writing, in a clear and concise manner



Indicative Teaching Plan

Week	Content/ topic/ activity	Format
1	Moral theory and the Humanities	Lecture
2	History of modern medicine, Hippocratic Oath, culture & health beliefs	Lecture
3	Nuremberg Code, Belmont Report and the Four Principles	Lecture
4	Clinical Trials, Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice	Lecture
5	Survey, behavioural, internet and records based research	Lecture
6	Publication ethics	Lecture
7	Animal care and ethics	Lecture
8	Beginning-of-life and abortion	Lecture
9	Reproductive and genetic technologies	Lecture
10	End-of-life, surrogate decision making, advanced directives	Lecture
11	Disability and enhancement	Lecture
12	Public health ethics, mandates to nudges	Lecture
13	Resource allocation and economic evaluations	Lecture
14	Global perspectives and distributive justice	Lecture