

Study Programme: Philosophy
Course Unit Title: Bioethics
Course Unit Code: 21FL062
Name of Lecturer(s): Željko Kaluđerović, Full Professor
Type and Level of Studies: BA
Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective
Semester (winter/summer): Summer
Language of instruction: English
Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): face-to-face
Number of ECTS Allocated: 3
Prerequisites: -
Course Aims: The primary objective of the "Bioethics" course is to acquaint students with the discipline and the relatively recent field of the so-called "applied" or "practical ethics," which has experienced significant development since the 1970s. This development has garnered substantial attention from both scientific and medical communities, as well as the broader public in developed nations. Over time, philosophers and theorists in the realm of philosophical ethics have also shown increasing interest. The surge in interest in fundamental life issues, initially within the bio-medical domain and subsequently across various social aspects, along with the safeguarding of the rights of all forms of life and a fresh approach to multiple facets of contemporary human existence, has positioned bioethics today as an area of great promise, while also being a subject of theoretical contention.
Learning Outcomes: The course "Bioethics" should let students get acquainted with the basic directions and problems of contemporary discussion on various bioethical issues. Furthermore, it should allow students to orient themselves in modern bioethics discussions and questions, form independent thinking, and potentially participate in and mediate contemporary bioethical dilemmas and controversies.
Syllabus: <i>Theory</i> The concept of bioethics; Reasons and circumstances of the emergence of bioethics; The problem of determining the subject and method of bioethics; Philosophical and axiological foundations of bioethics; Ethics versus bioethics?; Medical ethics and bioethics as new medical ethics; Basic problems of bioethics; Bioethics as ecological ethics; Holistic bioethics; Fritz Jahr and the beginning of European bioethics; Van Rensselaer Potter and North American Bioethics; The concept of dignity in bioethics; Bioethics as "animal ethics"?; Bioethical concept of life; Bioethics and genetics; Human cloning; Bioethics and sexuality; The problem of biomedical experiments; Euthanasia and dignity of death; Ethical dilemmas of eugenics; Gerontological ethics; Bioethics and sport; Bioethics and academic integrity. <i>Practice</i> Work on exercises where students will focus on specific bioethical issues and paradigmatic cases.

Required Reading:

- 1 Steinbock, B. (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Bioethics*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2007.
2. Beauchamp, T. L., Childress, J. F., *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*, Oxford University Press, New York, NY 2019.
3. Muzur, A., Sass, H.-M., *Fritz Jahr and the Foundations of Global Bioethics. The Future of Integrative Bioethics*, Lit Verlag, Berlin – Münster – Wien – Zürich – London 2012.
4. Protopapadakis, E. D., *Creating Unique Copies. Human Reproductive Cloning, Uniqueness and Dignity*, Logos Verlag Berlin GmbH, Berlin 2023.
5. Kaluđerović, Ž., "Science and Ethics in Times of Crisis", pp. 151-160, in: M. Woesler, H.-M. Sass (Eds.), *Medicine and Ethics in Times of Corona*, LIT Verlag, Münster 2020.
6. Kaluđerović, Ž., "Animal Protection and Welfare: Contemporary Examinations", pp. 81-101, in: E. D. Protopapadakis, G. Arabatzis (Eds.), *Modernity and Contemporaneity*, The NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab Press, Athens 2022.

Weekly Contact Hours: 3**Lectures:** 1**Practical work:** 2**Teaching Methods:**

Dialogical and research methods for understanding the chosen bioethical topics and authors.

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation		written exam	
Practical work		oral exam	100
Preliminary exam(s)			
Seminar(s)			

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.