

## 505-407 Current Issues in Health Ethics

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. Classroom
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: One 2-hour lecture per week. Total Time Commitment: In addition to the stated contact hours, students are expected to spend at least 2-3 hours of study for each hour of contact.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Contact:</b>	Centre for Health and Society School of Population Health
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The subject will involve the identification and exploration of theoretical and philosophical frameworks of participants in debates, resolutions/outcomes, and investigation of alternative positions. Possible topics include allocation of resources, access to health care, euthanasia, stem-cell research and commercial interests in pharmaceutical research and production.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>On completion of this subject students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have gained an understanding of the application of theory in applied ethics</li> <li># Be able to identify ethical issues in current events in health practice, health policy, health research, and the development and implementation of technology</li> <li># Have developed skills in philosophical argument to engage with differing positions within health ethics debates</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Oral presentation and written paper on selected topic totalling 1, 500 words, due mid semester (40%); Written discussion paper, totalling 2, 500 words due at end of semester (60%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	None
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>

<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># Oral and written communication</li><li># Synthesising material and presenting it in oral and written form</li><li># Ability to interpret ethical arguments from public and academic realms</li><li># Familiarity with key ethical theories</li><li># Critical thinking skills to evaluate ethical arguments</li></ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au">http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health.
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Graduate Diploma in Social Health Graduate Diploma in Social Health (Health Ethics) Graduate Diploma in Social Health (Medical Anthropology)