

PHIL 165.002: Bioethics

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Course Description:

Ethics is the study of *how to live*. A branch within ethics, *bioethics* is the study of how to live insofar as *life* itself is concerned. In general, it asks: What makes life valuable? How should we treat human life? How ought we, as humans, to approach non-human animal life? More than this, what, if anything, do we owe to the environment at large? How are we to steward the natural world?

This course offers a general, survey-style introduction to bioethics. It begins with an overview of central topics in medical ethics, proceeds to key questions in animal ethics, and concludes with major themes in environmental ethics. Along the way, it provides a basic introduction to philosophical reasoning and logic.