













# course readings and due dates

DATE / THEMES	UNITS	READINGS WE WILL DISCUSS	Additional Materials If you're Interested / Due Dates
August 27	INTRODUCTION		<a href="#">IEP Entry on Bioethics</a>
September 1		<a href="#">Little, Introduction to Bioethics Video</a>	
September 3	EUGENICS & THE "RIGHT" BODY	Stern, "Making Better Babies" (17 pages) Whitman, "Why the Nazis Studied American Race Laws" (2 pages)	<a href="#">NPR Podcast   Dangerous Idea Podcast</a>   <a href="#">Scientific Racism Podcast</a>
September 8		Davis, "Constructing Normalcy: The Bell Curve, the Novel, and the Invention of the Disabled Body" (10 pages)	
September 10	HOW BIOETHICS IS CHANGING	Obasogie and Darnovsky, "Introduction" Case study (TBD)	<b>Writing Assignment #1 Due</b> 
September 15		Little, "Why a Feminist Approach to Bioethics?" (12 pages) Wolbring, "Disability Rights Approach toward Bioethics?" (12 pages)	<a href="#">Feminist Bioethics SEP Entry</a>
September 17		Myser, "Differences from Somewhere" (10 pages) Ayer, "Bioethical Silence and Black Lives" (4 pages)	
September 22		Elliott, "The Ethicists" (15 pages)	
September 24	WRITING / REVIEW		<b>Writing Assignment #2 Due</b> 
September 29	WRITING / REVIEW		<b>Writing Assignment #3 Due</b> 
October 1	EMERGING BIOTECH	Athanasίου and Darnovsky, "The Genome as Commons" (6 pages) Lander, "Brave New Genome" (6 pages)	<b>Reaction Journal #1 Due</b>
October 6		Comfort, "Can We Cure Genetic Diseases without Slipping into Eugenics?" (10 pages)	<a href="#">Radiolab Podcast on CRISPR   Video</a>
October 8	MARKETS, PROPERTY, THE BODY	Washington, "Flacking for Big Pharma" (11 pages) Obasogie, "Your Body, Their Property" (4 pages)	<b>Introduction Due</b> 
October 13		Skloot, "The Miracle Woman" (10 pages)	<a href="#">Radiolab Podcast on Henrietta Lacks</a>
October 15	GENETICS DATA	Dobbs, "What Is Your DNA Worth? (4 pages) Reardon, "Should Patients Understand That They Are Research Subjects?" (2 pages) Cussins, "Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Tests" (4 pages) Jaggar, "Genetic Testing for All Women?" (3 pages) Duster, "Welcome, Freshmen: DNA Swabs, Please" (3 pages) Dickenson, "Me Medicine" (3 pages)	<a href="#">Podcast on DNA Testing Ethics</a> <b>Synthesis Due</b> 
October 20	BIOTECH & BABIES	Asch, "Disability Equality and Prenatal Testing" (10 pages) Hvistendahl, "Sex Selection and the Abortion Trap" (6 pages) Naik, "A Baby Pelase" (4 pages)	
October 22	MEDICAL EXPLOITATION	Hornblum and Obasogie, "Medical Exploitation" (3 pages) Elliott, Guinea-Pigging (11 pages)	<a href="#">NPR Podcast</a>
October 27	RACE IN THE GENE AGE	Hammonds, "Straw Men and Their Followers" (7 pages) Roberts, "The Problem with Race-Based Medicine (5 pages) Kahn, "Race in a Bottle" (7 pages)	<b>Argument Due</b> 
October 29	WRITING / REVIEW		
November 3	WRITING / REVIEW		<b>Objections Due (Full 1st Paper Due)</b> 
November 5	OUR BIOLOGICAL NATURE IS SOCIAL	Dobbs, "Die, Selfish Gene, Die" (16 pages)	<b>Reaction Journal #2 Due</b> 
November 10	TRANSHUMANISM: WHAT IS IT?	Tirosh-Samuelson, "Engaging Transhumanism" (29 paages)	<a href="#">Elon Musk Neuralink Presentation</a>   <a href="#">TEDX Presentation</a>
November 12	TRANSHUMANISM: FOR	Bostrom, "In Defense of Post-Human Dignity" (11 pages) Vita-More, "Bringing Arts/Design into the Discussion of Transhumanism" (12 pages)	<a href="#">AI and Artificially Enhanced Brains</a>
November 17		de Grey, "SENS Statement of Principle," (2 pages) Walker, "Ship of Fools" (17 pages)	<b>Writing Assignment #4 Due</b> 
November 19	TRANSHUMANISM: DEBATE	Ihde, "Of Which Human Are We Post?" (13 pages) More, "True Humanism" (10 pages)	<a href="#">Transhumanism Vs. Humanism Debate</a>
Nov 20 - 30	THANKSGIVING BREAK		
December 1		Peters, "Transhumanism and the Posthuman Future" (27 pages) Blackford, "Trite Truths About Technology" 12 pages)	
December 3	TRANSHUMANISM: AGAINST	Hayles, "Wrestling with Transhumanism" (11 pages)	
December 8		Dupuy, "Cybernetics is Antihumanism" (20 pages)	<b>Reaction Journal #3 Due (Dec 10)</b> 
December 18			<b>Final Paper Due</b> 