



LUND
UNIVERSITY

Faculties of Humanities and Theology

FPRB01, Practical Philosophy: Biomedical Ethics, 15 credits

Praktisk filosofi: Biomedicinsk etik, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-03-07 to be valid from 2008-03-07, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

Subject: Practical Philosophy

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Practical Philosophy

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an overview of various key issues in biomedical ethics
- be able to give an overview of various concepts, theories and methods which are applied in biomedical ethics

Competence and skills

- be able to analyse and discuss constructively ethical positions and arguments related to biomedical research, development and applications
- be able to give an overview of the arguments and issues concerning biomedical ethics, orally and in writing

Judgement and approach

- be able to reflect critically on ethical issues which are brought about by biomedical research, development and applications.

Course content

The course provides the students with an overview of the ethical problems which result from biological research, development and applications. An introduction to the concepts and methods applied in normative ethics is given in order to analyse and approach these problems. The course consists of two parts: The first part, which is based on literature in the subject, deals with, among other things, the basic ethical problems of biomedicine, ethical issues concerning gene techniques applied to people, the management of genetic information and the issues of ethical research within biomedicine. The second part deals with the in-depth study of current biomedical issues, using authentic articles as a starting point. Students are also expected to write a short paper assignment on an ethical issue which has been brought about by biomedical research.

The course consists of the following sub-courses:

1. Literature, 6 credits,
2. Seminars, 4.5 credits,
3. Paper, 4.5 credits.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and tutoring in paper writing.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of invigilated examinations, submitted assignments, oral examinations and a paper.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

To be awarded a Pass on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass on all sub-courses. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass with Distinction on at least 9 of the credits on the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

Further information

1. The course replaces FPR520.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
3. The sub-course names in Swedish:
 1. Litteratur,
 2. Seminarier,
 3. Uppsats.

Subcourses in FPRB01, Practical Philosophy: Biomedical Ethics

Applies from H07

- 0701 Literature, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0702 Seminars, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction
- 0703 Essay, 4,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction