



**LEAP 1100: Health Professions LEAP**  
Spring Semester 2025

**Course Description**

This semester we will learn about medical ethics. We will begin by learning, in depth, about critical thinking and the tools needed to be a good critical thinker. We will then apply various philosophical theories to medical ethics. These will include the theories of Emanuel Kant (Kantian ethics), John Stuart Mill (utilitarianism) and John Rawls (theory of justice.) We will also consider the basics of medical ethics that include: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, fidelity, veracity, paternalism, and informed consent.

**Course Outcomes and Objectives**

This course is meant to foster critical thinking capabilities through collaboration. By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Critically evaluate philosophical arguments
- Work effectively in a team
- Be able to assess the veracity and relevance of an information source

**Course Requirements**

- Attendance and participation – 10%
- Reading quizzes, midterm, final paper – 40%
- Team project – 40%
- Symposium poster – 10%

**Grading Policy (Evaluation Methods & Criteria)**

Please note – your professor does not GIVE you a grade. You EARN one through your scholarly dedication and engagement. No points in the class are weighted more heavily than others.

Student work in university courses shall generally be reported in terms of the following grades: "A," "A-," excellent performance, superior achievement; "B+," "B," "B-," good performance, substantial achievement; "C+," "C," "C-," standard performance and achievement; "D+," "D," "D-," substandard performance, marginal achievement; "E," unsatisfactory performance and achievement. Grade point averages will be computed as follows: "A" = 4.0, "A-" = 3.7, "B+" = 3.3, "B" = 3.0, "B-" = 2.7, "C+" = 2.3, "C" = 2.0, "C-" = 1.7, "D+" = 1.3, "D" = 1.0, "D-" = 0.7, "E" = 0.0.

93% and above A  
90.00-93.00% A-  
87.00-90.00% B+  
84.00-87.00% B  
80.00-84.00% B-  
77.00-80.00% C+  
74.00-77.00% C

70.00-74.00% C-  
67.00-70.00% D+  
64.00-67.00% D  
60.00-64.00% D-  
Below 60.00% E

## University Policies

(See below)

### Preliminary Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Discussion</u>	<u>Due Dates:</u>
<b>Week 1:</b>	Course Introduction and Syllabus/Schedule Review	
<b>Week 2:</b>	Bioethics, what is it?	Reading quiz 1 due
<b>Week 3:</b>	Ethical theories and theories of justice.	Reading quiz 2 due
<b>Week 4:</b>	Abortion and reproduction	Reading quiz 3 due
<b>Week 5:</b>	Cloning and medical enhancement.	Reading quiz 4 due
<b>Week 6:</b>	Medical research.	Reading quiz 5 due
<b>Week 7:</b>	Affordable Care Act.	Reading quiz 6 due
<b>Week 8:</b>	Introduce Team project	Team project 1 due
<b>Week 9:</b>	Librarian visit to class	Team project 2 due
<b>Week 10:</b>	Spring Break	
<b>Week 11:</b>	Librarian visit to class	Team project 3 due
<b>Week 12:</b>	Work on team project	Team project 4 due
<b>Week 13:</b>	Team debates in class	
<b>Week 14:</b>	Team debates in class	
<b>Week 15:</b>	Librarian to class, work on poster for presentation	
<b>Week 16:</b>	LEAP Symposium	TBD

## University Policies

- 1. *The Americans with Disabilities Act.*** The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, (801) 581-5020. CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in an alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.
- 2. *University Safety Statement.*** The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit [safeu.utah.edu](https://safeu.utah.edu).
- 3. *Addressing Sexual Misconduct.*** Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, 801-581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, 801-581-7066. For support and confidential consultation, contact the Center for Student Wellness, 426 SSB, 801-581-7776. To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, 801-585-2677(COPS).
- 4. *COVID-19 Spring 2022 Statement***

The COVID-19 guidelines for the University of Utah are adapted often due to the ever-changing status of the pandemic. For the most up-to-date information regarding the campus guidelines, visit <https://coronavirus.utah.edu>.
- 5. *Undocumented Student Support Statement.*** Immigration is a complex phenomenon with broad impact—those who are directly affected by it, as well as those who are indirectly affected by their relationships with family members, friends, and loved ones. If your immigration status presents obstacles to engaging in specific activities or fulfilling specific course criteria, confidential arrangements may be requested from the Dream Center. Arrangements with the Dream Center will not jeopardize your student status, your financial aid, or any other part of your residence. The Dream Center offers a wide range of resources to support undocumented students (with and without DACA) as well as students from mixed-

status families. To learn more, please contact the Dream Center at 801.213.3697 or visit [dream.utah.edu](http://dream.utah.edu).

6. **Drop/Withdrawal Policies.** Students may drop a course within the first two weeks of a given semester without any penalties. Students may officially withdraw (W) from a class or all classes after the drop deadline through the midpoint of a course. A “W” grade is recorded on the transcript and appropriate tuition/fees are assessed. The grade “W” is not used in calculating the student’s GPA. For deadlines to withdraw from full-term, first, and second session classes, see the U's Academic Calendar.
7. Other important information to consider including:
  - a. Student Code: <http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php>
  - b. Accommodation Policy (see Section Q):  
<http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-100.php>
8. **Student Mental Health Resources**
  - *Rates of burnout, anxiety, depression, isolation, and loneliness have noticeably increased during the pandemic. If you need help, reach out for [campus mental health resources](#), including counseling, trainings and other support.*
  - *Consider participating in a [Mental Health First Aid](#) or other [wellness-themed](#) training provided by our Center for Student Wellness and sharing these opportunities with your peers, teaching assistants and department colleagues*
9. **Diverse Student Support.** Your success at the University of Utah is important to all of us here! If you feel like you need extra support in academics, overcoming personal difficulties, or finding community, the U is here for you.

### **Student Support Services (TRIO)**

TRIO federal programs are targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities.

Student Support Services (SSS) is a TRIO program for current or incoming undergraduate university students who are seeking their first bachelor's degree and need academic assistance and other services to be successful at the University of Utah.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**Student Support Services (TRIO)**

801-581-7188

[trio.utah.edu](http://trio.utah.edu)

Room 2075

1901 E. S. Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

***American Indian Students***

The AIRC works to increase American Indian student visibility and success on campus by advocating for and providing student centered programs and tools to enhance academic success, cultural events to promote personal well-being, and a supportive “home-away-from-home” space for students to grow and develop leadership skills.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**American Indian Resource Center**

801-581-7019

[diversity.utah.edu/centers/airc](http://diversity.utah.edu/centers/airc)

Fort Douglas Building 622

1925 De Trobriand St.

Salt Lake City, UT 84113

***Black Students***

Using a pan-African lens, the Black Cultural Center seeks to counteract persistent campus-wide and global anti-blackness. The Black Cultural Center works to holistically enrich, educate, and advocate for students, faculty, and staff through Black centered programming, culturally affirming educational initiatives, and retention strategies.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**Black Cultural Center**

801-213-1441

[diversity.utah.edu/centers/bcc](http://diversity.utah.edu/centers/bcc)

Fort Douglas Building 603

95 Fort Douglas Blvd.

Salt Lake City, UT 84113

### ***Students with Children***

Our mission is to support and coordinate information, program development and services that enhance family resources as well as the availability, affordability and quality of child care for University students, faculty and staff.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

#### **Center for Childcare & Family Resources**

801-585-5897

[childcare.utah.edu](http://childcare.utah.edu)

408 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

### ***Students with Disabilities***

The Center for Disability Services is dedicated to serving students with disabilities by providing the opportunity for success and equal access at the University of Utah. They also strive to create an inclusive, safe, and respectful environment.

For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

#### **Center for Disability Services**

801-581-5020

[disability.utah.edu](http://disability.utah.edu)

162 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

### ***Students across Intersectional Identities and Experiences***

The Center for Equity and Student Belonging (CESB) creates community and advocates for academic success and belonging for students across inter-sectional identities and experiences among our African, African American, Black, Native, Indigenous, American Indian, Asian, Asian American, Latinx, Chicanx, Pacific Islander, Multiracial, LGBTQ+, Neurodiverse and Disabled students of color.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

## **Center for Equity and Student Belonging (CESB)**

801-581-8151

[diversity.utah.edu/centers/CESB/](https://diversity.utah.edu/centers/CESB/)

235 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

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### ***English as a Second/Additional Language (ESL) Students***

If you are an English language learner, there are several resources on campus available to help you develop your English writing and language skills. Feel free to contact:

#### **Writing Center**

801-587-9122

[writingcenter.utah.edu](https://writingcenter.utah.edu)

2701 Marriott Library

295 S 1500 E

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

#### **English Language Institute**

801-581-4600

[continue.utah.edu/eli](https://continue.utah.edu/eli)

540 Arapeen Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84108

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For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**Dream Center**

801-213-3697

[dream.utah.edu](http://dream.utah.edu)

1120 Annex (Wing B)

1901 E. S. Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

***LGBTQ+ Students***

The LGBTQ+ Resource Center acts in accountability with the campus community by identifying the needs of people with a queer range of [a]gender and [a]sexual experiences and responding with university-wide services.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**LGBTQ+ Resource Center**

801-587-7973

[lgbt.utah.edu](http://lgbt.utah.edu) (Links to an external site.)

409 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

***Veterans & Military Students***

The mission of the Veterans Support Center is to improve and enhance the individual and academic success of veterans, service members, and their family members who attend the university; to help them receive the benefits they earned; and to serve as a liaison between the student veteran community and the university.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

**Veterans Support Center**

801-587-7722

[veteranscenter.utah.edu](http://veteranscenter.utah.edu) (Links to an external site.)

418 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

## **Women**

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) at the University of Utah serves as the central resource for educational and support services for women. Honoring the complexities of women's identities, the WRC facilitates choices and changes through programs, counseling, and training grounded in a commitment to advance social justice and equality.

For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

### **Women's Resource Center**

801-581-8030

[womenscenter.utah.edu](http://womenscenter.utah.edu)

411 Union Building

200 S. Central Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

## **Inclusivity at the U**

The Office for Inclusive Excellence is here to engage, support, and advance an environment fostering the values of respect, diversity, equity, inclusivity, and academic excellence for students in our increasingly global campus community. They also handle reports of bias in the classroom as outlined below:

*Bias or hate incidents consist of speech, conduct, or some other form of expression or action that is motivated wholly or in part by prejudice or bias whose impact discriminates, demeans, embarrasses, assigns stereotypes, harasses, or excludes individuals because of their race, color, ethnicity, national origin, language, sex, size, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, or religion.*

For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, or to report a bias incident, view their website or contact:

### **Office for Inclusive Excellence**

801-581-4600

[inclusive-excellence.utah.edu](http://inclusive-excellence.utah.edu) (Links to an external site.)

170 Annex (Wing D)

1901 E. S. Campus Dr.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

### ***Other Student Groups at the U***

To learn more about some of the other resource groups available at the U, check out:

[getinvolved.utah.edu/](http://getinvolved.utah.edu/)

[studentsuccess.utah.edu/resources/student-support](http://studentsuccess.utah.edu/resources/student-support)