** In this course, you will write a term paper on a current medical ethics issue of your choice. Give this some thought, this will be the topic you will be using for the outline, rough draft, and final term paper assignments. Make sure you can find articles for support of your topic. Read the term paper requirements before you select your medical ethics issue topic to insure it is what you want to research.**

**Your term paper should:**

* **Discuss the technical aspects of your topic in general terms.**
* **Discuss the public policy debates relevant to the topic you choose. This section should cover arguments that are in favor of and opposed to the use of the techniques or products.**
* **Express your personal opinion regarding the importance of the topic and the validity of the pro and con arguments.**

**In this assignment you will select a current medical ethics issue to research and write about for your research paper, which is due week 10.**

**Select a topic related to one of the following current medical ethics issues:**

* **End of Life**
* **Eugenics and Human Genetics**
* **Medical Research**
* **Reproductive Issues**
* **Organ Donation and Transplantation**
* **Public Health Issues**
* **Access to Health Care**
* **Biotechnology**

**In a Word document, state your medical ethics issue (for instance, if you choose to write about End of Life, the medical issue might be physician-assisted suicide), and write a paragraph explaining why you have chosen this medical ethics issue to research.**

**Writing Resource:**

* [**Choosing a Topic**](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/research_papers/choosing_a_topic.html)

***Review the rubric for specific grading criteria.***

**Points: 30**

**This week, you will submit an outline of your term paper.**

* **Your submission must include an introduction, body, and conclusion sections in outline format.**
* **Each section of your outline should include topic sentences and paragraph transitions that help tie your major points together.**
* **Your outline must follow current APA style formatting.**
* **Refer to the writing resources below to get started.**

**Writing Resources:**

**Points: 60**

**This week, you will submit a rough draft of your term paper.**

**A rough draft is not expected to be polished, and as such, this assignment will be graded on a completion basis. However, in order to receive full credit for the assignment, the following components must be met:**

* **The rough draft includes an introduction, a minimum of four body paragraphs, and a conclusion.**
* **A minimum of three references are incorporated as supporting evidence.**
* **Use the outline you posted as a guide. As you draft you may find that changing some pieces is necessary for the paper to make sense.**
* **Be sure to follow** [**APA style formatting**](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/) **for your paper and** [**cite your sources**](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/)**.**

**Writing Resources:**

* [**APA Basics**](https://westcoastuniversity.edu/resources/online-student-resources/writing-resources/apa.html)

***Review the rubric for specific grading criteria.***

**Points: 90**

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**This week you will submit the final draft of your term paper. Your submission must include:**

* **A title page.**
* **The body of the paper, which includes 4–6 pages of professionally written text**
* **At least three references from textbooks, websites and articles that provide adequate justification and support your claim**
* **Subheadings (technical aspects, public policy, and personal opinion/conclusion)**
* **Appropriate** [**in-text citations**](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/) **throughout paper**
* **A** [**reference list**](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/06/) **with only the sources used in the body of the paper (All sources should be less than 5 years old unless recent research is not available, and at least one reference must be a peer-reviewed article from a profession journal. Do not use Wikipedia or an encyclopedia as they are not considered reliable academic sources and will not be accepted.)**
* [**APA style formatting**](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/)**throughout your paper**
* **Points: 120**

**Outline Template**

1. Introduction
   1. Introduce the topic with background information and define terminology
2. Body Paragraph 1 – Technical aspects of your topic
   1. Topic Sentence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Supporting detail 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Supporting detail 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Supporting detail 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Body Paragraph 2 – Description of public policy debates surrounding your topic
   1. Transition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Topic Sentence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Supporting detail 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Supporting detail 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Supporting detail 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Body Paragraph 3 -Arguments
   1. Transition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Topic Sentence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Supporting detail 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Supporting detail 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Supporting detail 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Body Paragraph 4 - Arguments
   1. Transition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Topic Sentence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Supporting detail 1:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Supporting detail 2:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Supporting detail 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Opinion and Conclusion
   1. Transition:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Statement of Opinion:\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. References – In APA format