

UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID Universidades Norteamericanas Reunidas

(Brief Course Description)

Bioethics (Fall semester):

This course is an introduction to the bioethical concerns and dilemmas that our globally connected and highly technological societies face, and offers a unique viewpoint on them by comparing the stance that different societies have taken with respect to these issues. The course aims to provide students with the ability to discuss these issues or intervene in an informed academic debate; and at the same time develop the necessary tools to evaluate new bioethical topics that will certainly arise in the future. Many of these issues imply varying moral standpoints that may not coincide in all societies and offers the student a chance to consider the impact of these issues: many of which cause fierce debate among citizens of all countries. Some of the subject matter is deeply personal for students, who should know beforehand that the material will be presented in a theoretical way that explains different viewpoints on these topics that are currently in hot debate worldwide and must be willing to approach them with a critical and open mindset.

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