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## **COURSE OUTLINE**

1. **COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER:** PHI 227 **CREDIT HOURS:** 3
2. **COURSE TITLE:** BIO-MEDICAL ETHICS
3. **PREREQUISITES:** none
4. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Examines the ethical implications of specific biomedical issues in the context of major ethical systems. The course covers issues relating to euthanasia, genetic engineering, cloning, plastic surgery, abortion, surrogacy and other such bio-medical concerns.
5. **CONTENT:** The course connects systems and standards of ethics to the following bio-medical concerns:
  - a. Beginning of life issues such as genetic engineering, cloning, surrogacy, and stem cell research.
  - b. Issues such as different models of doctor-patient relationship, plastic surgery, treatment rights and responsibilities.
  - c. End of life issues such as euthanasia, assisted suicide, abortion, coma state and the definition of brain death.
6. **GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
  - a. Identify and utilize ethical theories such as ethics of consequences, ethics of duty, feminist ethics of care, and ethics as related to culture.
  - b. Identify and utilize central moral concepts such as autonomy, justice, non-maleficence (not harming others), beneficence (doing good to others), etc.
  - c. Identify and utilize alternative approaches to problem solving and decision making in the practice of professions.