Many different issues fall under the heading “bioethics”: What is the proper doctor-patient relationship? Are (most/some) abortions morally permissible? Should euthanasia be legal? How is it appropriate to allocate scarce medical resources? Should people be permitted to sell their organs? Should they be permitted (and even encouraged) to use biomedical technologies to control their own characteristics, or those of their children? In attempting to answer these questions, we confront many others. We are forced, for example, to consider the nature and value of autonomy, the distinction between sickness and health, the obligation to refrain from harming others and to help those in need. Students taking this class will be encouraged to think through these issues (and many others) for themselves, while engaging with a wide range of philosophical opinion. This course is open to all students. No knowledge of philosophy will be presupposed.