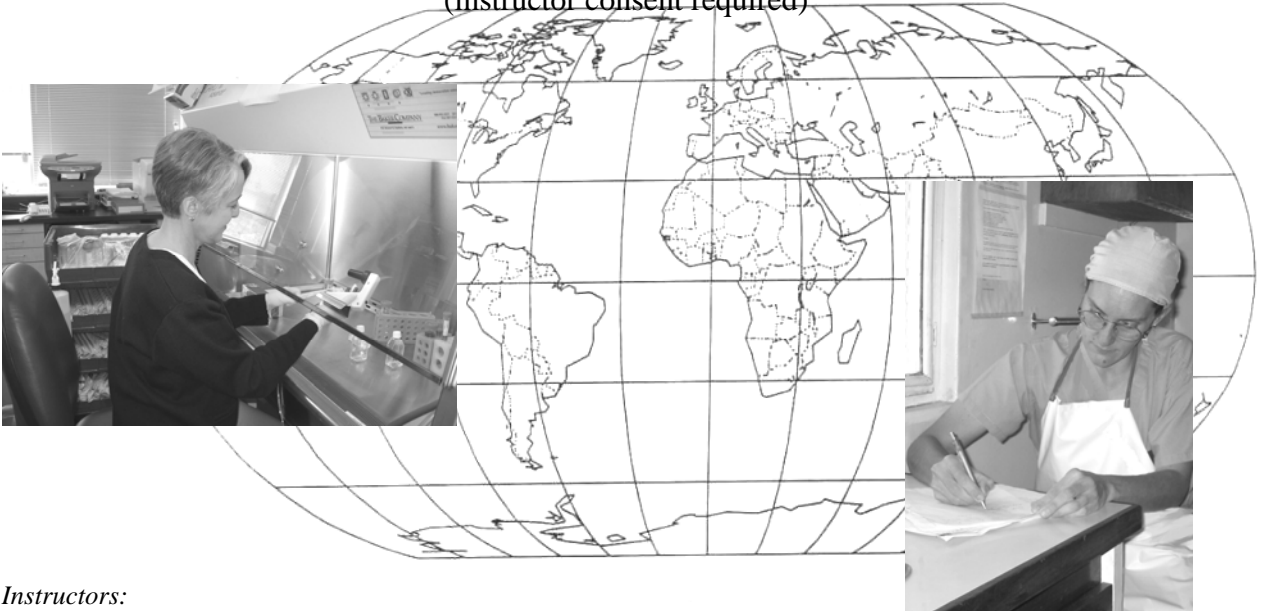


New Course
BIOETHICS AND SOCIETY
Medical History and Bioethics 728

Spring 2008
Social Work 106
Fridays 9-11:30 am

The aims of this course are to provide understandings of the broader social, cultural and political contexts in which bioethical debates and medical practice occur, to explore social science perspectives on medicine and bioethics and to examine the use of qualitative and interdisciplinary methods to conduct research in these areas. Readings and discussion will draw upon research using ethnographic, life history, content, visual and narrative analysis. The course will cover issues in both clinical and public health settings, and may emphasize one or the other depending on the interests of enrolled students. It is designed for the needs of graduate students in the social sciences and humanities, population health sciences, health policy, law, medicine, and health professions.

(instructor consent required)



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