



## **INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD AMSTERDAM**

**This 3-credit course takes place over summer break and is open to all undergraduate students. Credits are transferable to your home university.**

### **BETH 315/415: Death, Dying & Euthanasia: Netherlands & the USA- August 2-13, 2010**



Is it ever permissible for physicians to kill their patients? In the Netherlands, the answer is yes. In the United States, it is no. Are the Dutch sliding down a moral slippery slope? Are the Americans compromising the rights and dignity of dying patients? This 3-credit course is a unique opportunity to examine a range of Dutch and American end-of-life policies and practices with special focus on the unique ethical, cultural, religious, and legal contexts in which they developed. It will be taught by three scholars whose work in end-of-life care has received international recognition.

### **Course Methods**

The course will consist of 40 contact hours over two weeks in Amsterdam, NL, and will earn students 3 credit hours. Classes will meet four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 2pm (5 hours). Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be free time for students. The first day will be devoted to background lectures about the Dutch culture, modern history, and health care system. It will end with a guided tour of Amsterdam.

Teaching methods will include: assigned readings; lectures; discussion of movies depicting compelling end-of-life decisions; case discussions; a visit to the office of a family physician who includes euthanasia in his/her practice. The three course directors, who will lead most of the lectures and discussions, are internationally-recognized experts on end-of-life decision making. Teaching will be interactive, rather than simply didactic. There will be small group exercises with specific assignments for each group. Results will be reported back the larger group.

### **Who Should Attend?**

Undergraduates interested in: careers in the health professions; moral philosophy; law; cross-cultural issues.

## Course Aims

This course will compare how two liberal democracies, the United States and the Netherlands, have handled difficult end-of-life issues, including:

- The Dutch regulation of euthanasia;
- Regulation of physician-assisted suicide in the state of Oregon;
- Terminal sedation;
- End-of-life decisions in newborns;
- Withholding and withdrawing of artificially-provided fluids and nutrition;
- The legal basis for end-of-life decision making in the USA;
- Palliative care and hospice;
- Public trust in medicine and physicians.

## Course Requirements

The course is open to undergraduates interested in: careers in the health professions; moral philosophy; law; cross-cultural issues. Participation in class discussions is mandatory and will constitute 10% of the grade. Students will be given a bibliography of articles available on line and will be required to read portions of two books. Two weeks before the course, an annotated bibliography of the readings must be turned in. This will count for 20% of the grade. A 10-page paper will be assigned during the course, and will be due by September 15, 2010. It will count for 70% of the grade.

## How do I apply?

Case Western Reserve University students should contact Michelle L. Champoir to set up an appointment to meet and turn in their paperwork and deposit. Case students will register for the class as a summer 2010 course, after a permit has been issued via the SIS system.

**Non-Case students** should download the [application form](#) from our web site and send it to the Department of Bioethics, along with their non-refundable \$250 deposit. Any inquiries should be directed to Michelle L. Champoir ([mln10@case.edu](mailto:mln10@case.edu)).

**Non-Case students** will also need to apply to Case Western Reserve University as visiting or non-degree students. Once they have been accepted, they will register for the class via the SIS system. Non-Case students will be billed for the tuition through Case Western Reserve University Bursar's office. The program fee is paid to The Department of Bioethics for the cost of the course and is a separate fee from the tuition and fees charged by Case Western Reserve University for the credit hours. Please see the instructions for visiting undergraduate students on our website (<http://www.case.edu/med/bioethics/international-2.htm>).

Application and \$250 non-refundable deposit must be received in the Department of Bioethics by **March 1, 2010**. We strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible as the program may fill to capacity prior to this deadline.

**A \$250 non-refundable deposit is required.** Students are responsible for paying the remainder of the program fee by June 15, 2010. The deposit is applied to the cost of the program.

Students who wish to withdraw their applications are required to notify the Department of Bioethics, **in writing**, that they no longer intend to participate. Students who withdraw are still responsible for the deposit. Students who withdraw after July 1, 2010 will be responsible for the total cost of the program.

## Fees

The program fee for this course is \$1,250; a check for the full amount, payable to Case Western Reserve University, should be mailed to Michelle Champoir at Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106-4976. The program fee does NOT include tuition, airfare, lodging, or meals. The program fee does cover reading materials and in-country field trips.

The following items **are not included** in the program fee, but will need to be paid by participants:

- Case Western Reserve University tuition and fees\* (non-Case students need to pay tuition for course)
- RT Airfare- students are responsible for securing their own airfare
- Lodging- students are responsible for securing their own lodging
- meals
- passport application fee
- visa application fees (if applicable)
- personal spending money
- reading materials

Tuition and fees\*: These additional costs are estimated at \$728 per credit hour for Summer undergrad tuition for 2010. (Case Western Reserve University tuition is half price in the Summer for undergraduates.)

*\*Visit the Case Western Reserve University [Controller's web page](#) for current tuition, fees and taxes.*

An e-bill from the Case Western Reserve University Student Accounts Office will be sent to students' Case e-mail account for the **tuition and fees**. Again, tuition and fees are paid to CWRU and are separate from the program fee that is paid to the Department of Bioethics. The **program fee** for the course is paid directly to the Department of Bioethics at the address below:

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Case Western Reserve University  
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10900 Euclid Avenue  
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## Estimated Total Costs

<b>Estimated out-of-pocket cost</b>	<b>per day</b>	<b>total USD</b>
Airfare		\$1,000
Hotel	\$35	\$560
Airport transportation		\$20
Local transportation	\$5	\$75
Food	\$30	\$450
Tuition		\$2,100
Program Fee		\$1,250
Estimated total per student		\$5,455

## Course Faculty

**William J Winslade, Ph.D., J.D.**, is the James Wade Rockwell Professor of Philosophy and Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, Health Law and Policy Institute. He has advanced degrees in philosophy, law, and psychoanalysis. He has written extensively about end-of-life issues, traumatic brain injury, patients' rights, clinical ethics, and other topics in bioethics.

**Stuart J. Youngner, M.D., Course Director**, is Susan F. Watson Professor and Chair of the Department of Bioethics at Case Western Reserve University. Trained as a psychiatrist, he has served as a consultant to the United States Congress Office of Technology Assessment, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Institute of Medicine, and the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. He is currently co-editing a book with Gerrit Kimsma entitled *Euthanasia in the Netherlands: A View from Inside*.

**Gerrit K. Kimsma, M.D., M.Ph.**, has been a practicing physician for more than 30 years. For decades, he has been an active participant in the Dutch philosophical and Policy debates concerning euthanasia. He is presently a member of a government Euthanasia Evaluation Committee, a trained euthanasia consultant, and a teacher at the Royal Dutch Medical Society's program to train euthanasia consultants.

The course will also include lectures from leading Dutch authorities in the field of medical ethics.

## Venue

Lectures will take place at:

De Roos, Centrum voor Creative & Spirituele Groei  
P.C. Hoofstraat 183  
1071 BW Amsterdam  
Tel: 020-689 0 081 / fax: 020 – 616 38 51

## Accommodations

**Owl Hotel** website: <http://www.owl-hotel.nl/>

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1054 EV Amsterdam  
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## More Information

Booking for the program can be made by calling Michelle L. Champoir, M.A., at 216-368-5377, or by email request to [mln10@case.edu](mailto:mln10@case.edu).