



PgCert/PgDip/MA Research Ethics

Preliminary Reading List

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The purpose of this list is to suggest some background reading which may be useful before and during the course. You are not expected to buy or read all, or even most, of these books. We have provided a few comments alongside each item. This is just to give you some idea what the book's about. Please note that the list is in alphabetical order and that prices given are rough guides only.

Beauchamp, T. & Childress, J. Principles of Biomedical Ethics
(Oxford: OUP, 2001 - 5th edition)
RECOMMENDED PURCHASE

This has, over the years, become something of a 'secular bible' for many bioethicists. It provides a good theoretical background to discussions relevant to the course. It is impressively comprehensive and detailed. Be warned, though - you may find it hard going at first. (£20)

Burley, J. & Harris, J. (eds.)
A Companion to Genethics
(Oxford: Blackwell, 2002)

An excellent anthology containing many articles on topics relevant to the course, particularly section 2 which covers research in genetics. (£22.99)

Harris, J.
Clones, Genes & Immortality: Ethics and the Genetic Revolution
(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998)

An excellent text covering a wide range of ethical issues relating to biotechnology. A lively and provocative introduction, accessible to the general reader, but with philosophical depth. (£10)

Kuhse, H. & Singer, P. (eds.) (2nd Rev. Ed)
Bioethics: An Anthology,
(Oxford: Blackwell, 2006)

An excellent anthology with many relevant articles. Contains some of the 'classic' articles and some newer material. Recommended. (£20)

Mauthner, M., Birch, M., Jessop, J. and Miller, T. (2002)
Ethics in Qualitative Research
(Sage Publishing, 2002)

A selection of papers that introduces ethical issues in qualitative research and looks at the gap that sometimes seems to occur between ethical principles and research practice, focusing on issues of responsibility and accountability. Some of the papers in this volume may be somewhat hard going for those without a background in qualitative research. (£21)

Sherlock, R. & Morrey, J. (eds.)
Ethical Issues in Biotechnology
(Oxford: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002)

Recommended

An excellent general collection of articles on ethical issues in biotechnology. There are some chapters of general interest (e.g. on consequences and risks; and 'playing god' etc.) as well as a number of sections on different areas of biotechnology (e.g. animals, agriculture, food, gene testing and therapy; and cloning etc.). The introduction is a very helpful summary of the various scientific and ethical issues and there is a good reading list and some interesting case studies at the end of the book. (£25)

Smith, T.
Ethics in Medical Research: A Handbook of Good Practice
(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999)

This is a comprehensive and practical guide to the ethical issues raised by different kinds of medical research. It is clearly written and provides much thoughtful comment on the relevant research ethics guidelines and ethical issues. (£42)

Wilkinson, S.
Bodies for Sale
(London: Routledge, 2003)

A clear and accessible discussion of ethical issues related to commercial exploitation of the human body, especially in the field of biomedical technologies. Topics covered include: the buying and selling of human kidneys; commercial surrogacy; DNA patenting; and ethical objections and the arguments for legal prohibition. (£18.99)