

Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

**Curriculum
2025/2026**

For course

From Philosophy to Ethics of Body

Study program:	Medical Studies in English (R) (elective) University integrated undergraduate and graduate study
Department:	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in Medicine
Course coordinator:	doc. dr. sc. Mijatović Franjo
Year of study:	1
ECTS:	1.5
Incentive ECTS:	0 (0.00%)
Foreign language:	Possibility of teaching in a foreign language

Course information:

Introduction; The body in ethical, social and historical consideration of medicine; Mind-body dualism; Repression of body; Embodied ethics; Care for bodily individuality; The body in bioethics; Biomedicine and moral agency in a complex world; Various normative perspectives of the body; Respect for the bodily unavailability of the Other; Final

List of assigned reading:

1. Agamben, G., *Homo Sacer; Sovereign Power and Bare Life*, Stanford University Press, 1998.
2. Descartes, R., *Discourse on Method and Meditations of First Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing Company, 1999.
3. Kant, I., *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Cambridge University Press, 1998.
4. Beauchamp, T. L./ Childress, J. F., *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* (seventh edition), Oxford University Press, New York, [1979] 2013.
5. Campbell, A. V., *The Body in Bioethics*, Routledge-Cavendish, London, 2009.
6. Lysaught T: *Social Theories of the Body. Encyclopedia of Bioethics*. Edited by: Reich WT. 1996, 1: 300-305. [Google Scholar](#)
7. Leder D: *The absent body*. 1990, Chicago/London, University of Chicago Press, [Google Scholar](#)
8. Shildrick M: *Beyond the body of bioethics. Challenging the conventions. Ethics of the body*. Edited by: Shildrick M, Mykitiuk R. 2005, 1-28. Cambridge, Mass; London, The MIT Press, [Google Scholar](#)
9. Shildrick M, Mykitiuk R: *Ethics of the body. Postconventional challenges*. 2005, Cambridge Mass; London, MIT Press, [Google Scholar](#)

List of optional reading:

1. Featherstone, M., „Body, image and affect in consumer culture“,: *Body & Society*, 16(1): 193-221, 2010 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1357034X09354357>
2. Haraway, D. „The Biopolitics of Postmodern Bodies: Determinations of Self in Immune System Discourse. Differences“: *A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*. 1989, 1 (1): 3-43. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1357034X14551843>
3. Foucault, M., *The Birth of the Clinic: An Archeology of Medical Perception*. 1976, New York [Google Scholar](#)
4. Joralemon D., „Organ Wars: The Battle for Body Parts.“ *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. 1995, 9 (3): 335-356. 10.1525/maq.1995.9.3.02a00040 [Article Google Scholar](#)
5. Sharp L. A., „Organ Transplantation as a Transformative Experience: Anthropological Insights into the Restructuring of the Self.“ *Medical Anthropology Quarterly, New Series*. 1995, 9 (3): 357-389. 10.1525/maq.1995.9.3.02a00050. 10.1525/maq.1995.9.3.02a00050 [Article Google Scholar](#)
6. Gert B., *The Definition of Morality*. 2005, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, [Google Scholar](#)
7. Shusterman R., *Performing Life*. 2000, Ithaca, NY, Cornell University Press, [Google Scholar](#)

Curriculum:

Student obligations:

Regular attendance of lectures / workshops; 2. Activity in lectures and workshops; 3. Final exam. During the course of studies, according to lecturer's instructions, students will have to develop and defend their paper (in the form of discussion), based on lectures, practical work and knowledge acquired. A particular attention will be paid to the student's ability to use the acquired knowledge in their work and analysis of the selected topic (problem). In addition, students must prepare a presentation that would reflect a freely chosen question from the area of from philosophy to ethics of body. Finally, students will take an exam from philosophy to the ethics of body. Assessment is carried out in accordance with the Rules of Assessment of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka: attendance is 10 (%), presentation of seminar paper 40 (%), and final written essay 50 (%).

Exam (exam taking, description of the written/oral/practical part of the exam, point distribution, grading criteria):

Other notes (related to the course) important for students:

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COURSE HOURS 2025/2026

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List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

EXAM DATES (final exam):
