

PHI 6935: Seminar in Bioethics (Topic: Neurodiversity)
Florida State University

Course Description

This graduate seminar engages in an in-depth study of the history of and current issues within medical ethics specific to mental illness and healthcare. We'll consider shifts from the 'medical model'/reductionist view of mental illness to the 'biopsychosocial model'/non-reductionist view to the 'neurodiversity model.' In addition, various philosophical problems will be considered relating to the nature of disease/disorder/illness, the value-laden nature of psychiatry, the obligations of both healthcare providers and patients, personhood, informed consent, emotionality, and moral responsibility. While this course welcomes investigation into some metaphysical, epistemological, and socio-political questions related to mental illness and healthcare, the focus is decidedly on applied ethics in the medical domain.

Note that this course fulfills one of the course requirements for FSU's graduate certificate in Bioethics, though students are not required to pursue this certificate to take or participate in this course.