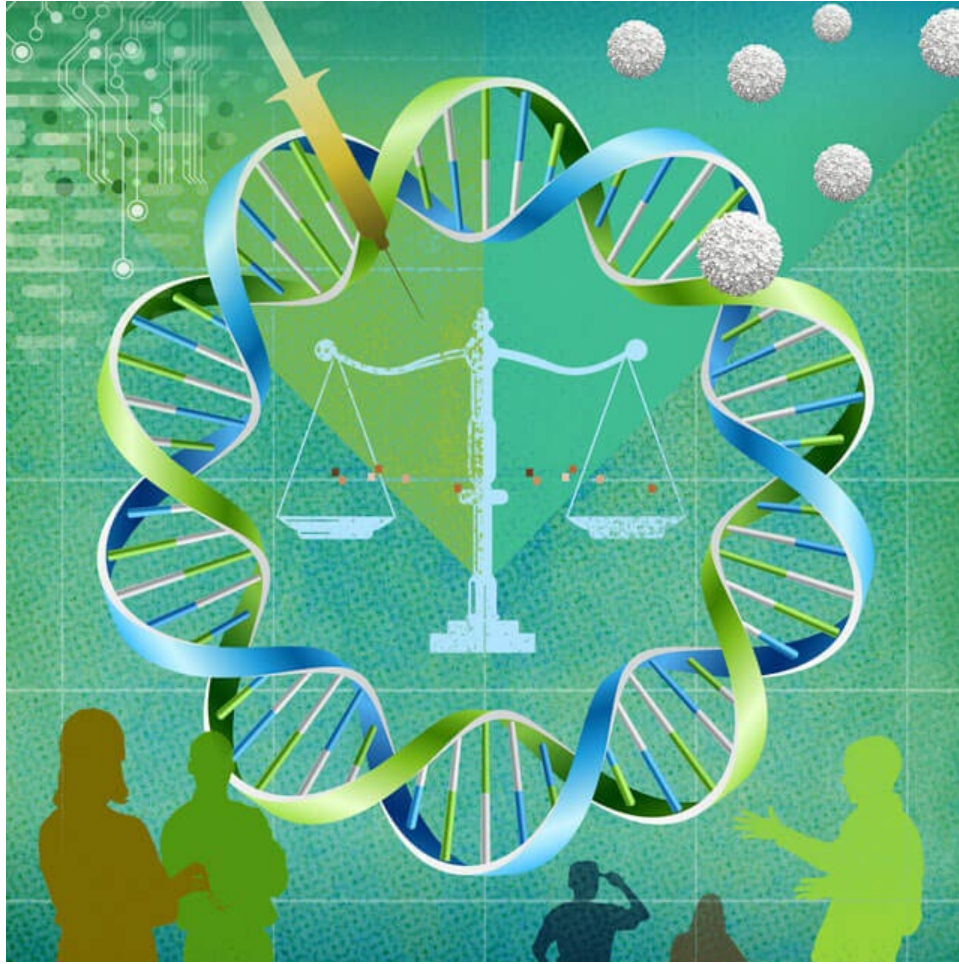


## Philosophy 4940--Topics in the Philosophy of Health, Illness, and Medicine

Dr. Welsh--Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:50-12:05



This course will explore central philosophical theories of health, illness, and mental disorders as well as a critical examination of the possibilities and limits of medicine. Topics to be addressed include:

1. How birth and death shape our sense of self and how culture and health care practices transform our relationship to them.
2. The complexity of the connection between the experience of illness and the body as understood clinically.
3. How philosophies of disability complicate our understanding of normality and pathology.
4. The impact of political and corporate practices on the nature of health care and our understanding of it.
5. The impact of shifting mental health diagnoses and definitions.