What should we research? Who should decide? Should there be any limits to scientific research? How should we set those limits? How do social, political, and moral values enter into scientific practices? What does it take to be an ethical scientist?

In “Ethics in Science,” we’ll explore these questions and many more! We will consider a series of case studies—historical, contemporary, and even imaginary (Yes, we get to read some sci-fi!)—to investigate when and how questions of ethics come into contact with questions of science.

Prerequisites: Passage of the Writing Skills Test (WST) or ENGL 100A / LLD 100A with a C or better (C- not accepted), completion of Core General Education and upper division standing are prerequisites to all SJSU studies courses. Completion of, or co-registration in, 100W is strongly recommended.

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