

I chose the topic Euthanasia: legal, medical and ethical issues due to personal interest in these issues and due to interest in the dying. The aim of this bachelor thesis is to summarize the main points associated with euthanasia, particularly concerning the legal point of view but also concerning medicine and ethics. The first chapter contains Basic terminology, where I present to the reader basic principles and categories of euthanasia from a general and certain authors' point of view. In the second chapter I present to the reader the Historical context of euthanasia, where I describe the development from the Antique era up to the present. This chapter deals with evolvement of medicine and ethics in relation to euthanasia and summarizes the main conceptions throughout history, including the current ones. In the last part of this chapter I present the conception of autonomy as related to the following chapter, which deals with the legal point of view on euthanasia.