

ET 501: CHRISTIAN ETHICS
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Course Description

An exploration of how Christians can make and enact good, wise, and faithful ethical choices and develop moral character and community in the midst of a complex world. The course will examine: (1) the foundations of Christian Ethics, especially in Holy Scripture; (2) the contexts of contemporary ethical issues; (3) the methods of moral discernment and decision-making; and (4) the relationship of Christian ethics to that of the surrounding culture and society. Lectures, case studies, and discussion will be employed in an attempt to gain wisdom, understanding, character, and a prophetic voice relative to the moral issues in church and society.

Course Textbooks

Davis, John Jefferson. *Evangelical Ethics: Issues Facing the Church Today* 4th ed. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2015.
ISBN: 9781629952185 (400 pages)

Garcia, Ismael. *Dignidad: Ethics Through Hispanic Eyes*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1997. ISBN: 9780687021345 (192 pages)

Lovin, Robin W. *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2000. ISBN: 9780687054626 (128 pages)

Niebuhr, H. Richard. *Christ and Culture*. 50th Anniversary Expanded Ed. New York, NY: Harper Collins, 2001.
ISBN: 9780061300035 (272 pages)

Tentative Topics of Discussion

- Introduction to Christian Ethics
- Historical Overview of Christian Ethics
- Contextualizing Christian Ethics
- Christian Ethical Frameworks
- Business Ethics & Economic Issues
- Environmental Ethics & Animal Rights
- Sexual Ethics & Reproductive Issues
- War, Violence, & Capital Punishment
- Migration, Social Integration, & Identity
- Christianity, Social Justice, & the Public Square

Recommended Textbooks

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Ethics*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1955.

Cortés, Jason. *Macho Ethics: Masculinity and Self-Representation in Latino-Caribbean Narrative*. Lewisburg, PA: Bucknell University Press, 2014.

De La Torre, Miguel A. *Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins*. 2nd Ed., Rev. and Expanded ed. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2014.

De La Torre, Miguel A. *Latina/o Social Ethics: Moving beyond Eurocentric Moral Thinking*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2010.

Fluker, Walter E. *Ethical Leadership: The Quest for Character, Civility, and Community*. Prisms. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues & Options*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2010.

Grudem, Wayne, *Christian Ethics: An Introduction to Biblical Moral Reasoning*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.

Hollinger, Dennis. *Choosing the Good: Christian Ethics in a Complex World*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2002.

Hauerwas, Stanley. *The Peaceable Kingdom: A Primer in Christian Ethics*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 1991.

Lewis, C. S. *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1970. (346 pages)

Long, D. Stephen. *Christian Ethics: A Very Short Introduction*. 1st ed. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Mott, Stephen C. *Biblical Ethics and Social Change*. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Niebuhr, H. Richard. *The Responsible Self: An Essay in Christian Moral Philosophy*. 1st ed. New York, NY: Harper & Row, 1963.

Rauschenbusch, Walter. *Christianity and Social Crisis*. New York, NY: Harper One, 2008.

Rae, Scott B. *Moral Choices: An Introduction to Ethics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

Stassen, Glen Harold, and David P. Gushee. *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Villafañe, Eldin. *Beyond Cheap Grace: A Call to Radical Discipleship, Incarnation, and Justice*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006.

Villafañe, Eldin. *The Liberating Spirit: Toward a Hispanic American Pentecostal Social Ethic*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993.