

22-506 Christian Moral Theology
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the principal historical, theological, and philosophical sources of Christian moral theology. Having identified key facets of our late-modern world as context, we examine the challenges of Christian moral formation and decision-making in the witness of the church. We then explore the church's ethical witness in relation to questions such as wealth and poverty, consumerism, church and politics, and moral and religious diversity.

COURSE GOALS:

At the conclusion of the course, the student will:

- Understand some key intellectual, social, political, economic, and religious challenges for Christian moral formation and witness emerging in our late-modern context.
- Grasp the basic features, concepts, and goals of Christian moral decision-making as an ecclesial practice.
- Analyze selected moral challenges to authentic and credible Christian witness today, such as wealth and poverty and moral and religious diversity.
- Engage the practices of moral self-formation as a Christian theologian and church leader.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Anderson, E. Byron, ed. *Liturgy and the Moral Self*. Liturgical Press, 2002. ISBN: 9780814661680. List price: \$29.95

Borgmann, Albert. *Power Failure: Christianity in the Culture of Technology*. Baker, 2003. ISBN: 9781587430589. List price: \$16.00

Elshtain, Jean Bethke. *Augustine and the Limits of Politics*. University of Notre Dame Press, 1998. ISBN: 9780268020019. List price: \$20.00

Knitter, Paul F. *One Earth, Many Religions: Multifaith Dialogue and Global Responsibility*. Orbis, 1995. ISBN: 978-1570750373. List price: \$27.00

- Lovin, Robin W. *An Introduction to Christian Ethics: Goals, Duties, and Virtues*. Abingdon, 2001. ISBN: 9780687467365. List price: \$29.99 (Barnes & Noble)
- Rieger, Joerg. *No Rising Tide: Theology, Economics, And The Future*. Augsburg/Fortress, 2009. ISBN: 9781451411126. List price: \$19.99
- Schneider, John. *The Good of Affluence: Seeking God In a Culture of Wealth*. Eerdmans, 2002. ISBN: 9780802833631. List price: \$25.00
- Verhey, Allen. *Remembering Jesus: Christian Community, Scripture, and the Moral Life*. Eerdmans, 2005. ISBN: 9780802831316. List price: \$30.00
- Volf, Miroslav. *A Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good*. Brazos, 2013. ISBN: 9781587433436. List price: \$17.99 (Barnes & Noble)
- Waters, Brent. *From Human to Posthuman: Christian Theology and Technology in a Postmodern World*. Ashgate, 2006. ISBN: 9780754639152. List price: \$39.95
- Waters, Brent and Shults, F. LeRon, eds. *Christology and Ethics*. Eerdmans, 2010. ISBN: 9780802845092. List price: \$28.00