

Christian Ethics

TP 2301A

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Monday/Thursday 6:15 - 8:30 pm

2 Credit Hours

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This course will introduce seminary students to the moral language of a variety of theologians and philosophers that have historically shaped versions of Christian morality. It will then proceed to evaluate the moral language and practices of the church by attempting a thorough examination of Scripture as continuing revelation, and the primary resource for the Christian community's moral judgments. Finally, the course will engage contemporary moral questions on violence, sexuality, and ecology.

Required Readings:

1. John Howard Yoder, *The Politics of Jesus* (ISBN # 0-85364-620-1)
2. John Howard Yoder, *Body Politics: Five Practices of the Christian Community Before the Watching World* (ISBN # 0-8361-9160-9)
3. Richard Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament* (ISBN # 0-06-063796-X)
4. Bruce Birch, *Let Justice Roll Down* (ISBN # 0-664-24026-7)

Supplementary Readings:

5. Stanley Hauerwas & Samuel Wells, ed. *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics* (ISBN # 978-1-4051-5051-4)

Course Requirements:

- Class Participation
- Reading Assignments
- Book Review
- Final Project