

HTS 534 Introduction to Theological Ethics

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Prerequisites	HTS 551
Required Texts	<p>Charles, J. Darryl. <i>Between Pacifism and Jihad: Just War and Christian Tradition</i>. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005.</p> <p>Fletcher, Joseph. <i>Situation Ethics: The New Morality</i>. (Any edition)</p> <p>Geis, Sally B. & Messer, Donald E. <i>The Befuddled Stork</i>. Nashville: Abingdon, 2000.</p> <p>Jacquette, Dale. <i>Dialogues on the Ethics of Capital Punishment</i>. New York: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2009.</p> <p>Schrag, Peter. <i>Not Fit for Our Society: Immigration and Nativism in America</i>. Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press, 2011.</p>
Recommended Materials	<p>US Constitution (with all amendments); weekly news magazines (print media) <i>Newsweek</i>, <i>Time</i>, etc.</p> <p>Butterworth, Eric. <i>Spiritual Economics</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1993.</p> <p>Camp, Lee C. <i>Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2008.</p>

Course Description

Introduction and critical survey of Theological Ethics to include:

- Application of critical thinking skills to the study of theological ethics.
- Analysis and discussion of major theories in ethics and moral theology.
- Reflection, discussion and application of Unity concepts to the relevant theological and spiritual issues in today's world.
- Development of themes and ideas for preaching and teaching about ethical issues.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define and give examples of *pastoral*, *priestly*, and *prophetic* roles of ministry.
2. Differentiate between deontological and teleological ethics.
3. Correlate issues in current events to possible solutions from the principles of Metaphysical Christianity, to include both spiritual practices and social activism.
4. List and differentiate four major types of ethics: *principled*, *antinomian*, *situational*, and *contextual*. Be able to identify each type in the work of various authors.

The above objectives partially fulfill the following program outcome for the Master of Divinity:

MD-4 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge needed for ministry.

The above objectives partially fulfill the following program outcome for the Certificate of Unity Ministry:

C-4 Demonstrate appropriate knowledge needed for ministry.

The above objectives partially fulfill the following program outcome for the Master of Arts in Religious Studies:

MA-2 Acquire and demonstrate the skills needed for advanced academic pursuit.