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| CODE: THO 5104 | TITLE: Moral Existence and Christian Life |
| CREDITS: 3 cr. | PROFESSOR: Morag McAleese |
| SESSION: Spring 2012 | |

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| DESCRIPTION | This course is a graduate level introduction to the field of ethics in theology. Moral theology is presented as an active quest towards understanding and guiding Christian moral living. Topics for reading, discussion, or research include: historical background to moral theology/Christian ethics; key insights on moral knowing, moral persons and the social dimension of moral life; human sinfulness and the Christian response; and contemporary issues and debates in moral theology. |
| OBJECTIVES | This course aims to help students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to situate contemporary issues in ethics and moral theology within a wider historical context; • to grasp central concepts and methods in ethics and moral theology; • to develop a critical awareness of personal ethical foundations and concerns; • to develop tools for participating in moral theology as an active inquiry. |
| WORKLOAD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required readings • Online chat discussions • 3 x two-page critical responses to readings. • Students choose a topic of interest (e.g. environment, social media, economics, feminist ethics, social justice etc.) to write either a final research paper or an analysis of a (pre-approved) case study on the chosen theme integrating course materials. |
| EVALUATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% - On-line participation discussions • 60% - 3 x two-page critical responses to readings • 30% - Final paper |
| REQUIRED TEXTS | <p>Kenneth Melchin, <i>Living With Other People</i> (Ottawa: Novalis, 1998).</p> <p>James Childress and John MacQuarrie, ed., <i>The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics</i>, rev. ed. (Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox Press, 1986). Also published as <i>A New Dictionary of Christian Ethics</i> (London: SCM Press, 1986).</p> |
| RECOMMENDED TEXTS | |