Syllabus

Class Dates: Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26.
Class Time: 7 – 9:00pm

*Attendance is required at all classes. All absences must be approved by the instructor.

Course Grading

Your grade will be determined as follows:
- Exams 70% (Midterm 35 % and Final 35 %)
- Reflection paper 1 15%
- Class Participation & Group Process 15%

Format of Presentations

The format of the class will be lectures, discussion of assigned readings and discussion of moral cases.

Examinations

There will be a take home midterm examination covering the first half of the course material and a take home final examination covering the second half of the course material.

Reflection Paper

There will be one reflection paper with a minimum length of 3/4th of a page. The paper is to be double spaced using a 10 point font with 1 inch margins. It should not be more than two pages.

Required Textbooks


Reference Text:
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Bible

Recommended Texts: (selected pages from these books will be provided, but you may want to purchase the books)
- Richard Gula, Reason Informed by Faith: Foundations of Catholic Morality
- Gregory Higgins, Where Do You Stand?: Eight Moral Issues Confronting Today’s Christians

Class One: Introduction to Christian Morality Thursday, January 8, 2015

Reading Assignments

Moral Handbook, pp. 1-21;
Matthew 19:16-22, Exodus 20 and Matthew 5
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<th>Thursday, January 15, 2015</th>
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<td>Moral Theology Before and After Vatican II: History and Renewal</td>
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*Moral Handbook, pp. 164-178*

**Reference:** *Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶¶ 1691 – 1729*

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<td>The Human Person Virtues</td>
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**Reading Assignments**
- Genesis 1 – 3
- *Veritas Splendor,* ¶¶ 1-34
- *Moral Handbook, pp. 23-55*

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<td>Freedom &amp; Responsibility The Human Act</td>
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- *Veritas Splendor,* ¶¶ 35 – 41

**Reference:** *Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶¶ 1730-1775 & 1803-1845*

**MIDTERM EXAMINATION Due by Wednesday, February 4th by 11:59pm.**

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<td>Moral Conscience Mercy and Sin</td>
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**Reading Assignments**
- *Moral Handbook, pp. 56-103*
- Romans 2, *Veritas Splendor,* ¶¶ 54-70

**Reference:** *Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶¶ 1776 – 1802; 1846-1876*

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<td>Sources of Moral Theology Moral Decision Making</td>
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**Reading Assignments**
- *Moral Handbook, 106-178*
Class Seven: Thursday, February 19, 2015

The Role of Law
Moral Decision Making

Reading Assignments

*Veritas Splendor, ¶¶ 42-53

***Reflection Paper Due Wednesday, February 25th by 11:59pm.***

Class Eight: Thursday, February 26, 2015

Relativism and Individualism
Moral Decision Making

Reading Assignments

Acts 1-2
*Veritas Splendor, ¶¶ 84-140

Reference: *Catechism of the Catholic Church, ¶¶ 1949-1986 & 2012-2051

*FINAL EXAMINATION Due Thursday, March 5th by 11:59pm.*
Selected Bibliography


