Course Description:

A study of fundamental Catholic teachings on the moral life, founded upon the truth that the power to live the moral life flows from Christ and the divinizing power of his grace, particularly in the sacraments. Course content includes the beatitudes, freedom, the morality of human acts and passions, moral conscience, the theological virtues, sin, social justice, and the Ten Commandments.

Course Prerequisites:

THEO 1301 / 3301 Intro to Sacred Scripture
THEO 2301 / 3311 Teachings of the Catholic Church
PHIL 2314 Ethics or PHIL 2316 Medieval Philosophy

Student Learning Outcomes:

1) Student will acquire an introductory level understanding of the fundamental Catholic teachings on the moral life.

2) Student will demonstrate through a series of quizzes and exams a general understanding of the moral life as presented in class.

3) Student will write a paper focusing on a moral teaching of the Catholic Church and express his/her understanding in a clear and accurate manner in effective analytical writing.

Grading:

Your final grade will be calculated according to the following formula:

Attendance, Assignments, Quizzes: 10%
Papers: 20%
2 Regular Exams: 20%
Midterm: 25%
Final Exam: 25% (TH Dec 8 4:30-7:00 pm)

A 100 - 93
A- 92 - 90
B+ 89 - 87
B 86 - 83
B- 82 - 80
C+ 79 - 77
C 76 - 73
C- 72 - 70
D+ 69 - 67
D 66 - 60
F 0 - 59

N.B.: Additional assignments and/or individual extra-credit work will not be assigned or accepted. However, if you are struggling with the course work, please come see me.

Class Texts:

• Handouts
• Bible (NJB, RSV-CE, or NAB)
• Catechism of the Catholic Church
• Veritatis Splendor
**Class Attendance:**

Attendance is required. Roll will be taken.

(Students are referred to the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016 pg. 74 for the official policies on this issue).

**3 Absences** will lower your final grade a letter grade. The professor reserves the right to assign a failing grade to a student who misses a majority of class meetings. Students are responsible for knowing the material covered in class during their absence.

Occasional tardiness due to circumstances beyond the control of a student is acceptable, but habitual tardiness will be reflected in the final grade. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain any materials from the professor that may have been handed out during an absence. If the student is late to class, it is his or her responsibility to advise the professor after class to be noted as present in the grade roster.

NB: If a student stops attending class and does not officially withdraw, a grade of “F” will be automatically recorded.

**Note Taking:** Students are encouraged to take notes during the lectures and when reading. Handouts with vocabulary and major topics will be provided during class and made available on Blackboard after class, but the Professor’s personal class notes will not be provided.

**Phones** must be silenced and stored away.

**Computers are allowed in class,** but if they become a nuisance to the professor or to other students, the professor retains the right to withdraw this privilege.

**Recording Classes** (either audio or video) is not permitted. If a student has a specific need (dyslexic, etc), please seek permission from student services (Office of Counseling and Disability Services) and have them contact me. N.B. - For those who have received permission from Student Services: any recorded material is to be used solely for personal study and is not to be distributed, shared, or uploaded online, etc.

**Students with disabilities:** Anyone needing academic accommodations in order to successfully complete the requirements of this course due to disability should contact the Office of Counseling and Disability Services. Also, please set an appointment to speak with me concerning your accommodations.

**Changes to the Syllabus:** The Professor reserves the right to make alterations in the syllabus as needed with appropriate notice to the class.

**Assignments:**

Please see pg 1 of the syllabus for the grading % breakdown, and the course outline (posted by end of 1st week) for due dates.

**Papers:** One (1) academic paper (topic to be assigned later) will be due from students. Their due dates will found on the class schedule that will be posted on BlackBoard by the end of the first week. All papers should follow the Chicago Manual of Style for parenthetical references and works cited page, which can be found on the UST website Library tab under Research, “Databases by Title”.

Paper Topic will be assigned by the end of the 2nd week of class.

Papers must be turned in on time and with the title of “THEO 3349 N2_Fall 2016_Lastname_Firstinitial” both as a hard copy and electronically via turnitin.com.

Late papers will be penalized 10 points per day and receive an automatic 0 if turned in a week late.
Papers must be formatted as Times New Roman, 12 point text. 1 inch margins, double spaced, stapled on the top left. Student name and information will be typed on a cover page and a checklist must be turned in (cover page sample and checklist will be distributed and placed on BlackBoard).

Quizzes: Quizzes will be occasionally given either in class or on BlackBoard.

Examinations: There will be (2) regular exams, (1) midterm, and (1) final during the Fall 2016 semester.

N.B. Questions from the assigned readings may also be on the exams, even if the material is not explicitly covered in class.

After being graded, exams will be returned for review by the students and then collected by the professor. Exams will not be kept by the students.

N.B. – There are no make-ups for students who miss tests or exams. In case of an emergency (hospitalization, etc) please contact me. These students, UST student athletes, or students who travel because of their work, who need to set up a time outside of the regular class time, please make a request to me with accompanying documents (from doctor, coach, HR) in writing well in advance of the examination. Once approved, the student is responsible to contacting the Testing Center at 713-525-3160 to schedule an appointment to take the exam. The professor reserves the right to give these students a different exam than the one given during the regular class time.

In-class Group Assignments: These will be unannounced.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty consists of, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating on an examination or test; for example, by copying from another’s work or using unauthorized materials before or during the test, including the use of electronic devices;
2. Plagiarism, which represents as one’s own the work of another, whether published or not, without acknowledging the precise source;
3. Participation in the academic dishonesty of another student, even though one’s own work is not directly affected;
4. Any conduct which would be recognized as dishonest in an academic setting.

Any instance of academic dishonesty, either active or passive, will result in (at the instructor’s discretion) either a grade of 0 for the assignment or a grade of “F” for the course, and will be brought to the attention of the College’s Discipline Committee.

(Students are referred to the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016 pgs. 77-79 for the official policies on this issue).