



Theological Ethics (7.5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Systematic Theology)

Course ID: 0173

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals

After having completed the course the students are expected to:

- give an overview of fundamental concepts and methods in (Christian) ethics;
- show that s/he understands the connection between different positions within ethics concerning the following issues: moral action, conscience, and human dignity.
- show the ability to critically analyse ethical positions and argue for or against these positions in the fields of ethics.

Course content

Every day headlines jar us with news about profound ethical issues. All of us face moral dilemmas. But just how do we make our moral decisions? How we may discern between right and wrong and what is the contribution of our own character as well as experience? In our course, we will consider an approach that attempts to combine the best of both philosophical and theological perspectives. We will also consider what is called "virtue ethics." The course treats important themes in the intersection of theology, philosophical reflection, and human experience.

Teaching and examination

Instruction will be in the form of lectures and exercises. Examination is in the form of an essay during the course and an written exam in the classroom at the end of the course.

Bibliography

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Overberg, Kenneth. 2018. *Conscience and Conflict: How to Make Moral Choices*. 3rd edition. Eugene (OR): Wipf and Stock.

Salzman, Todd A. & Michael G. Lawler. 2018. *Virtue and Theological Ethics: Toward a Renewed Ethical Method*. Maryknoll (NY): Orbis.

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Pope Francis' encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (around 250 pages) and additional articles specified within the course (around 60 pages).

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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