

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Theological Ethics 5203A**

Course Number and Section:

THEOETH

5203A 550

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Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to introduce each class member to a variety of historical and current religious and philosophical positions on theological ethical themes. A number of alternatives on morality will be outlined and assessed in preparation for informed debates on specific ethical topics.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Class members will be able to identify and summarize critical issues in the debates surrounding the discipline of theological ethics.
2. Class members will be able to apply philosophical and theological tools in the academic study of ethics.
3. Class members will be able to compare and contrast several traditions of theological and ethical inquiry.
4. Class members will be able to evaluate the merits and demerits of the viewpoints presented.
5. Class members will be able to draw preliminary conclusions as to where they stand on certain ethical issues.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Holmes, Arthur F. Ethics: Approaching Moral Decisions. 2nd edn. InterVarsity Press, 2007. This text can be found for \$35.45 at the bookstore. Second-hand texts must be this edition.
Thielicke, Helmut. A Little Exercise for Young Theologians. Eerdmans, 2016. This text can be found for \$21.99 at the bookstore. Second-hand texts must be this edition.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Essay	October 22, 2025	33%
Essay	December 3, 2025	33%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Essay	December 11, 2025	34%

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Thursday, September 4, 2025