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**TITLE:** Ethics & Society

**TERM:** Spring 2021-2022

**PROFESSORS:** John Burgess

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
# AUDITORS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NO AUDITORS \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this course, students will reflect on the church and its relationship to society (locally, nationally, and globally). Students will use biblical and theological resources, along with insights from the social sciences, to analyze ethical issues related to cultural, economic, and social realities in which the church participates and in which God is at work.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

CS310 builds upon other courses in Bible, Church History, Theology, Field Education, and Contextual Analysis. The specific goal of CS310 is to think theologically (biblically, historically, and systematically) about contemporary social realities (social, economic, racial, and political). Key questions include: What do we mean by Christian ethics, and what are the philosophical and theological approaches to ethical reasoning that continue to be influential in grappling with social issues today? How have social realities shaped the church and its theology in past and present? How does the church seek to be faithful to God’s mission of reconciliation and renewal in local communities and in wider regional, national, and global contexts? How do leaders in Christian communities promote Christian ethical discernment and action in addressing social questions?

**PREREQUISITES:**

CS110 and TH210.

**ONLINE FORMAT:**

All course activities and instruction will be delivered online synchronously and asynchronously.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:**

TBD

**ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:**

Participate in synchronous sessions. Complete readings and online course assignment. Submit papers.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Required.