TITLE: Introduction to Christian Ethics
TERM: 1
YEAR: 2017-2018
PROFESSOR: Ron Cole-Turner
CREDIT HOURS: 3
REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO_______
# AUDITORS: Unlimited

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is an introduction to practices, sources, and methods for Christian ethical reflection as an integral aspect of discipleship and ecclesial life, as well as an introduction to key theological and philosophical issues in contemporary Christian social thought.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: This course prepares students to do the following:
- to understand the relation of Christian ethics to theological sources and theological method, ecclesiology, and practices of discipleship and ministry
- to analyze ethical arguments by identifying their sources and assumptions, and evaluating their logic and consistency
- to present theologically-informed and coherent ethical arguments on a range of issues
- to analyze and describe the social and institutional contexts of ethical issues and ethical deliberation
- to participate with others in ethical deliberation, and to equip others in the church to do so
- to identify ethical commitments that can support fruitful and effective ministries

PREREQUISITES: TH01 - any exceptions require equivalent preparation and instructor’s permission

READING ASSIGNMENTS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:
- Additional readings made available through the class web portal

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:
Active participation in class discussions.
Grade will be based on completion of three short written assignments.

ATTENDANCE: Required