

# MORAL THEOLOGY (MORL)

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**MORL 421 Fundamental Moral Theology (3 Credits)**

This course covers the foundations of the Christian moral life and of Christian moral decision making. The fundamental themes to be covered include, but are not limited to: freedom, conscience formation and moral agency, moral normativity, what constitutes moral reasoning, the use of scripture, tradition and natural law in moral decisions, the interplay between sin and grace, virtue ethics, and the ecclesial aspect of moral decisions.

**Prerequisites:** None

**MORL 422 Christian Social Ethics (3 Credits)**

The implications of Christian faith and theological reflection for contemporary society. The social dimensions of biblical ethics and the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Prerequisites:** None

**MORL 428 Survey of Moral Topics (3 Credits)**

This course examines how the application of fundamental moral themes informs particular issues of Christian morality. Particular issues potentially covered fall under the global nature of moral theology, life and death, sexuality, biomedical ethics, ethics of pastoral ministry, and the intersection of church and state.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Equivalent courses:** THEO 394B

**MORL 428A Healthcare Ethics (3 Credits)**

**Prerequisites:** None

**MORL 456 Rural Social Issues (3 Credits)**

An examination of major social issues affecting rural America, the social justice dimensions of these issues, and their implications for ministry in the Church. Cross-listed with PTHM 456.

**Prerequisites:** None

**MORL 468A Catholic Environmental Ethics and Spirituality (3 Credits)**

Inspired by the integral ecology of *Laudato Si'*, this course explores Catholic commitment to care for our common home. It does so from a theological perspective, focusing especially on the spiritual roots of the crisis and spiritual resources from within the Catholic tradition (such as Benedictine spirituality) that can inform one's response to that crisis.

That is, this course aims to help students express how one might live in right relationship with God, neighbor, and creation and promote ecclesial practices that hear the cries of the earth and the poor. Cross listed with SPIR 468.

**Prerequisites:** None