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**Chaminade University
Interim Session 1999-2000**

Course: Religion 200¹⁰ Contemporary Issues in Christianity

Time: 5:30 - 9:40 on Dec. 17, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and Jan. 3, 5, 7

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Textbook: Jersild, Paul T., Dale A. Johnson, Patricia Beattie Jung, and Shannon Jung, eds., 1998, *Moral Issues and Christian Response*, 6th ed. San Diego: Harcourt Brace College.

Course Description:

Examines the contemporary social issues which confront the Christian community, the relevant Biblical and theological assumptions that Christianity brings to the debate on these issues, and the methods to bring about social change within the context of the Christian community.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, the student will be able:

- * to articulate several ethical systems.
- * to delineate their personal process for making ethical decisions.
- * to defend their ethical convictions.
- * to discuss various contemporary issues confronting our society and their ethical implications.

Class Format:

The course will utilize lecture, discussion, guest presentations, student presentations, reading, reflective writing and examinations. Students are required to be prepared for each class session through readings and assigned activities so that the most benefit may come from the learning experiences in class.

Requirements and Grading:

Reflection Journal	25 points
Final Examination	25 points
Group Presentation	25 points
Research/Reflection Paper	25 points

A standard, 10-point scale will be used in regards to final letter grades. Any assignment turned in late will be lowered in grade unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor.

Attendance Policy:

Unexcused absences equaling 2 weeks of the course will be reported to the Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Records office. Unexcused absence of more than one week of classes will result in a lowering of the final grade in the course.

Course Outline:

TOPIC	READING
I. Course Introduction	Introduction
II. Ethical Foundations	Chapters 1-2
III. Applied Ethics	
A. Marriage and Sexuality	Chapter 3
B. Family Values	Chapter 4
C. Racism, Feminism, Heterosexism	Chapters 5-7
D. Ecological Ethics	Chapter 9
E. Violence and War	Chapter 10
F. Ecoethics	Chapters 12-13
G. Bioethics	Chapters 15-17
IV. Biblical Ethics	

Note: The outline above is based on the textbook. The specific topics covered in the applied ethics section will be arranged according to guest schedules, etc.