

RELIGION 332<sup>0102</sup> ETHICS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
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SOURCES:

The course will draw on many sources including: selected articles, essays, and videos on topics of moral concern in the criminal justice system. The canons of ethics of police, attorneys, the judiciary, and corrections will be studied. The course will be approached from the perspective of Christian moral theology and social justice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

To examine critically certain moral problems in selected areas of the Criminal Justice System.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Ethics and Criminal Justice is an upper level course in Religious Studies. The purpose of this course is to equip each student to think morally and critically by the study and application of Christian theological principles.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be expected:

1. To attend class and participate in class discussions and interaction.
2. To read reflectively the materials on each topic.
3. To provide the instructor with a written summary of each article as indicated. The summary should include ideas which were of particular interest to the student.
4. To make a short verbal presentation to the class on an area of criminal justice which is of particular interest to the student. The topic will be approached from the ethical/moral/theological perspective.
5. To complete a term paper on an issue of Ethics and Criminal Justice which is of particular interest to the student. It will be due on the last class.

## **Ethics and Criminal Justice**

- A. Foundations
  - 1. The Criminal Justice System
  - 2. The Bill of Rights
  - 3. Codes of Ethics
  - 4. Liberal and Conservative Perspectives
- B. Understanding Humanity, Moral Development, and Moral Responsibility and Accountability
- C. The Police and Ethics
- D. Attorneys and Ethics
- E. The Judiciary and Ethics
- F. Prisons
  - 1. Corrections and Ethics
  - 2. Parole
  - 3. Foreign Prisons
- G. Youth and Crime
- H. Women and Crime
- I. The Issue of Capital Punishment
- J. Press