

# Ethics I Syllabus

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## General Information

### Description

**This course introduces the student to various ethical systems and applies these systems to their personal and professional lives and practice. The personal and professional application should come from the same ethical life. Kingdom Ethics will also be introduced, and at the unique view it has to apply on various cultural issues and challenges that we all face today.**

### Expectations and Goals

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the ethical systems used to make ethical decisions.
2. Understand the link and importance of ethical systems and how they are applied to all the areas of life, practice, research and ministry.
3. Apply ethics to a real-world situation demonstrating various positions and convincingly argue a particular position. Demonstrating knowledge and correct application to the ethic challenge or dilemma.

### Required Pre-Course Assignments:

You will be required to have the following completed for day one of class:

1. Read the textbook completing a three to five-page summary of key impressions and key thesis of the authors. You will present your thoughts and impressions of the text as you apply it to your context for to the class.
2. Bring several (3-4) ethical dilemmas that you encounter in culture and parish life. These are situations that present to you something that is a challenge in knowing what the correct 'ethical' response would be.

## **Required in Class**

Willing participation and demonstration of your reading. Apply an ethical framework to your ethical dilemmas.

## **Required Text:**

Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context, 2nd Edition. **David P. Gushee**, **Glen H. Stassen**. Eerdmans Pub Co; 2 edition (June 28, 2017)

## **Additional optional text:**

Choosing the Good: Christian Ethics in a Complex World. Dennis P. Hollinger, Baker Academic; (September 1, 2002)