COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE NUMBER: RS202.01 COURSE TITLE: Christian Moral Theology

TERM: Fall 2005 COURSE TIME: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00am-9:20Am

ROOM #: AC 113 COURSE CREDITS: 3 credit hrs.--classroom

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Department of Religious Studies, Philosophy, and Theology at Mount Aloysius College is to encourage students to consider their lives in the larger context of human society, by attending to the fundamental spiritual quest for truth. It draws particularly from the Catholic tradition, based on the belief in God revealed through scripture and in the person of Jesus Christ.

The department serves all members of the College community regardless of religious commitment. While rooted in Catholic tradition, the department does not insist on knowledge of, or active participation in, Catholic tradition as a prerequisite. Instead, it seeks to offer all students a chance to explore questions common to all human beings, paying particular attention to the Catholic tradition as a resource for addressing these questions.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Following a brief review of the nature and scope of moral theology, participants will examine such topics as (Catholic) Christian faith in relation to moral life, happiness, goodness, evil and sin, moral growth, and conscience, followed by a review of specific moral issues.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Policy on Academic Honesty and Integrity in the College Catalog, students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero on the test or assignment. Instructors will further determine appropriate action in response to the violation of academic integrity.
DISABILITY STATEMENT

If you have a disability which many require special consideration, you should notify the professor. This should be accomplished no later than the second class meeting. If you should need accommodations for successful participation in class activities, you should offer information in writing to the Dean of Student Affairs which includes suggestions for assistance in participating in and completing class assignments. It is not necessary to disclose the nature of your disability.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: None

OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

The student will develop an understanding of the complexity of Christian ethical systems.

The student will learn a variety of Christian moral systems.

The student will become aware of how the Bible is used and abused in Christian Ethics and Christian moral systems.

The student will develop a methodology for critiquing the various Christian Ethical and moral systems.

The student will use this methodology to study various moral issues facing them and the world both on the social and individual levels.

GRADING SYSTEM

3.50 to 4.0+ equals A
3.25 to 3.49 equals B+
3.00 to 3.24 equals B
2.50 to 2.99 equals C+
2.00 to 2.49 equals C
1.01 to 1.99 equals D
1.00 or less equals F

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The student will read the assigned pages in the textbook on the designated day for discussion.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE ENTERED INTO THE DAILY DISCUSSION IN CLASS.
THE STUDENT WILL ATTEND CLASS REGULARLY—1/4 OF THE GRADE WILL DEPEND UPON ATTENDANCE.

- 0–2 classes missed—4.0
- 3 classes missed—3.0
- 4 classes missed—2.0
- 5–5+ classes missed—0

The student will have handed in a book review of any short story by any author—after consulting the instructor—on any of the subjects studied. The report will be due ON TIME: Tuesday November 21 (1/4 of grade).

The student will have completed and handed in ON TIME a mid-term examination (1/4 of grade).

The student will have completed and handed in ON TIME a final examination (1/4 of grade).

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

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11/07 and 11/09  Hanigan, 119-144; questions, 1, 3-5, pages 142-43
11/14 and 11/16  Hanigan, 145-165; questions 2, 4-5, page 164
11/21  discussion of short story reviews
11/23  NO CLASS THANKSGIVING DAY
11/28 and 11/30  Hanigan, 166-189; questions 2, 4-5, page 188
  FINAL EXAM HANDED OUT ON 12/01
12/05 and 12/07  Hanigan, 190-208
12/13 and 12/15  Hanigan, 209-227
  LAST DAY OF CLASS ON 12/15
  FINAL EXAMS DUE LAST DAY OF CLASS AT
  THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


A Bible—one of the following: Revised Standard Version, New English Bible, New American Standard, New King James, New International Version, New Revised Standard Version

AUXILIARY TEXTS

THE BIBLIOGRAPHIES AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER OF HANIGAN


Haughey, John C., ed. *The Faith that Does Justice: Examining the


