**COS 424 Ethics**

**2022 Winter Session—January 17-February 22, 2022**

**Course Preview**

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Course Description and Outcomes

This course introduces ethical frameworks, as well and biblical and theological bases for Christian behavior. The course emphasizes pastoral skills needed for moral leadership in the congregation and community—specifically, skills in moral discernment and ethically responsible decision-making and action. *Students will be able to:*

1. Articulate a biblical and theological basis for ethical thinking and moral behavior and distinguish major approaches to ethical reasoning.
2. Comprehend the relationship between their personal stories, pastoral vocation, local contexts, and responsibility as moral leaders
3. Develop a Christian framework for moral reasoning and action and apply it to the use of power and the setting of boundaries in ministry.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with and make use of the social Principles of the United Methodist Church as a resource for ethical reflection and action

Required Texts

Wheeler, Sondra. *The Minister as Moral Theologian.* Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017.

Loving, Robin W. *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000.

United Methodist Publishing House. *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church* 2017-2020. Nashville: Cokesbury, 2017

Additional required readings will be available on the Course Connect site.