UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2017
Instructor: Dr. Daniel Maguire
Course #: THEO 2410
Sections: 104
Course Title: Christian Faith in Cultural Contexts
Topic: Moral Questions for a World in Crisis

Description:

This course will explore the radical moral core and social teaching of Judaism and Christianity and see how Christianity relates to other value systems and religions in the new global village. Questions to be studied: a definition of religion that includes theistic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) and non-theistic religions (Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism); how those religions approach issues like the ongoing ecocide, militarism as a faith system (with special reference to the U.S. and Israel), systemic class-based greed with its resultant poverty, sexism, racism, and the legitimate role of religion in politics;
Next we will look at the right to contraception and abortion in Catholicism and in other world religions, the case for mercy death, and a definition of marriage that includes same-sex and heterosexual marriage.