

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**  
Instructor: John A. Jones IV  
Course #: THEO 4450/5450  
Section: 101/101  
Course Title: **Medical Ethics**

### Description:

This course provides a moral assessment of health care practices from within the Christian tradition. We will examine controversial topics facing medicine (issues of the beginning and end of life, assisted reproduction, etc.) as related to Christian moral principles. Thus, we will be responsible for understanding: 1) accurate description and understanding of medical practices and their moral implications; 2) moral reasoning utilizing various principles, strategies and techniques; 3) theological context and underpinnings for moral discernment regarding health care practices.

### Required texts:

- Hébert, Philip. *Doing Right: A Practical Guide to Ethics for Medical Trainees and Physicians*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Ontario: Oxford University Press, 2009. ISBN 978-0195428414
- Ashley, Benedict and O'Rourke, Kevin. *Ethics of Health Care: An Introductory Textbook*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2002. ISBN 978-0878403752
- Weston, Anthony. *A Practical Companion to Ethics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. ISBN 9780195189902
- Piercy, Marge. *He, She and It*. New York: Fawcett Crest, 1991. ISBN 04490220605