



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**Master of Divinity  
with a Certificate in Christian Ethics**

**Eligibility**

This Certificate is open to all Master of Divinity students as part of the degree program. Students must complete all requirements of both the Certificate in Christian Ethics program and the M.Div. degree in order to receive the Certificate in Christian Ethics. Students in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and other Non-Degree Students, as well as MACM and MTS students are not eligible to participate in this certificate program.

**Description**

The Certificate in Christian Ethics is designed for students who recognize the centrality of moral character, moral discernment, and moral witness in Christian discipleship, ministry, and church life, and who are pursuing vocations that will specialize in such efforts.

**Required Courses**

Students will complete 9 hours of Advisor approved courses of advanced electives (beyond the 69 core hours of the M.Div.) from the following courses:

- THET 501. Models of Moral Leadership
- THET 600. History of Christian Ethics
- THET 602. Christian Ethics and War
- THET 603. Faith and Politics
- THET 605. Ethics, Law, & Public Policy
- THET 606. African American Traditions in Theological Ethics
- THET 607. Theology & Praxis of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- THET 608. The Ethics of Reconciliation
- THET 611. The Sermon on the Mount
- THET 634. The Book of the Twelve
- THET 652. Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- THET 700. Bioethics
- THET 701. Roman Catholic Ethics
- THET 702. Social Justice & the Old Testament
- THET 706. Ethics of Human Dignity
- THET 707. Christian Sexual Ethics
- THET 708. Theology After the Holocaust
- THET 709. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- THET 710. Theology and Economics
- THET 711. The Teachings of Jesus
- THET 800. Special Topics
- Other classes as approved by Advisor.

**Professional Formation**

Students will complete one experience in each of the following areas of professional formation:

- Present a paper at an academic conference; speak in chapel at Mercer; offer teaching or preaching in a church on an ethical theme; or participate in published research related to ethics with a professor; or publish an article or blog on an ethical theme
- Participate in an academic conference such as the Society of Christian Ethics or American Academy of Religion (AAR) or serve an event sponsored by the Center for Theology and Public Life
- Participate in a Mercer on Mission or Mission Immersion experience; participate in a course with a service-learning component; or engage in Christian moral witness (Advocacy) on a public policy issue, such as immigration reform or the death penalty, at the local, state, or national level