ST ANDREW’S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SATC)

COURSE NAME: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS

COURSE CODE: CE200

COURSE CREDIT: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Christian discipleship is at the heart of ministry. This course assists the learner to integrate biblical faith and theological understandings with life experience in dealing with moral problems: personal, ecclesiastical and social. Students will be encouraged to engage in theological reflection on moral issues and their implications.

Entry Requirements: A basic course in Theology

AIM:
• To help students take interest in the moral questions that confront society.
• To help students understand the fundamentals of Christian ethics
• To expose students to the various types of ethical considerations and the contemporary ethical issues facing the Church—social, medical, cultural and personal.
• To develop an appreciation for ethical decision making from a Christian perspective.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Students will be able to:
• Understand the principles and challenges of Christian Ethics
• Understand the ethics of the early Church.
• Understand the relationship between Christian ethics to culture.
• Evaluate the place of Christian ethics in the life of the individual.
• Assess the role of ethics in the family.
• Guide persons under pastoral care in ethical decision making.
• Examine the role of Christian ethics in modifying the conscience of the Christian.
• Understand the role of Christian ethics in ensuring world peace.

COURSE CONTENT:
Philosophical beginnings, Understanding Ethics, Biblical Ethics
Old Testament & New Testament
Ethics in the Sermon on the Mount
The Ethics of Jesus
Ethics in the early church
Reformation ethics
Moral conflicts
Christian hope and ethics

Ethical dilemmas:
Abortion
Euthanasia
Reproductive technologies
Sexuality
Marriage & divorce  
Environment  
Human Rights,  
Capital punishment  
Peacemaking & Just War theory,  
Violence  
Global economics & justice  
Race relations  
Medical issues

**COURSE TEXTS:**  

**TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:**  
- Lectures  
- Class Participation  
- Group Project

**COURSE ASSESSMENT:**  
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