

Tuesdays - 3:45-6:15pm

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3 credits

Course Description: This course will explore issues such as the meaning of human embodiment and sexuality; the purposes of sex within and outside of marriage; same sex relationships including the proposal to sanction “same sex marriage” and the ethical issues raised by each. In engaging these topics we will pay particular attention to the wisdom and insights of the Catholic moral tradition.

Course Goals: Students will ...

- Gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the wisdom, contributions and limitations of “official” Catholic teaching on issues of sexual ethics;
- Identify some of the assumptions and biases that have influenced the development of Catholic teaching on sexual ethics;
- Grasp and critique the insights of contemporary theologians on questions of sexual ethics;
- Explore and grapple with contemporary issues related ethics and human sexuality.

Required Texts:

Genovesi, Vincent. *In Pursuit of Love: Catholic Morality and Human Sexuality*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1996.

Grabowski, John. *Sex and Virtue: An Introduction to Sexual Ethics*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2003.