

Module title		Abbreviation
Critical Theological Ethics		01-MA-TWT-CThE-262-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Theological Ethics – Moral Theology		Faculty of Catholic Theology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
In a (religiously) pluralistic world characterized by multiple crises, the conditions and standards for right action and models of a good life are increasingly being questioned. For this reason, a theology geared towards transformation processes is dependent on critical ethical reflection. The basis for this is knowledge of ethical theories of justification and models of ethical judgment. Building on the reflection of the moral subject in its relationships, possibilities of living together and assuming responsibility are discussed. This is done by linking fundamental ethical considerations with concrete problems from the field of ethics (e.g. bioethics, peace ethics, digitalization).		
Intended learning outcomes		
Students will be able to use central concepts, methods and models of theological ethics to analyze ethical areas of conflict in a differentiated manner and to develop theologically responsible positions. They will be able to form ethical judgments and critically assess moral-theological arguments, relate them to other ideological patterns of interpretation and, on this basis, deal with exemplary challenges in a world characterized by transformation processes.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (2) Module taught in: English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) exercises (approx. 5 tasks, written and/or oral, approx. 45 hours total) or b) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 10 pages) or c) term paper (approx. 15 pages) Language of assessment: English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
Teaching cycle: every year, winter semester		
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Theology for a World in Transformation (2026)		