Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should <u>not</u> be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

ETHC 325
LEGAL ETHICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the ethical standards governing the conduct of persons engaged in the practice of law and persons more generally in the legal sector. This course will cover both professional conduct and the application of Christian principles in the legal profession.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this course is to introduce and teach the student aspects of the Rules of Professional Responsibility, which govern those in the legal community, and to analyze the scriptural mandates that go above and beyond the Rules of Professional Responsibility.

I. **PREREQUISITE**

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. **REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. **RECOMMENDED RESOURCE**

New King James Version Bible.

IV. **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment

B. Internet access (broadband recommended)

C. Blackboard recommended browsers

D. Microsoft Office

V. **MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Discuss the background and history behind the adoption of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, which govern the ethical and professional conduct of those in the legal community.

B. Identify the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

C. Apply biblical principles to legal ethics and the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

D. Apply the Model Rules and biblical principles to specific situations commonly faced by those in the legal community.

VI. **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be 400–500 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to the threads of at least 2 classmates. Each reply must be 200–300 words. Each thread and reply must contain at least 1 citation and biblical integration. Current Turabian format must be used.

D. Research Paper

The student will write a 3,000–3,500-word research-based paper in current Turabian format. The paper must include at least 10 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible. The topic will be provided by the instructor.

E. Exams (3)

Each exam will cover the Reading & Study material for the assigned modules/weeks. Each exam will be open-book/open-notes, contain 4 essay questions, and have a 2-hour time limit. The answer to each essay question must be 200–300 words. At least 2 references must be used in support of each answer. The student may use the course reading materials and the Bible as references.

VII. **COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist		10
Discussion Board Forums (4 at 125 pts ea)		500
Research Paper		200
Exam 1	(Modules 1–2)	100
Exam 2	(Modules 3–4)	100
Exam 3	(Modules 5–7)	100
	Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C.   Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	CPR: ch. 1 1 presentation 1 website	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1	10 0 125
2	CPR: ch. 2 1 presentation 1 website	Exam 1	100
3	CPR: ch. 3 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 2	125
4	CPR: ch. 4 1 presentation 1 website	Exam 2	100
5	CPR: ch. 5 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 3	125
6	CPR: ch. 6 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 4	125
7	CPR: ch. 7 1 presentation 1 website	Exam 3	100
8	CPR: ch. 8 1 presentation 1 website	Research Paper	200
		TOTAL	**1010**

DB = Discussion Board
CPR = Center for Professional Responsibility

NOTE: Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.