

**CHET 70970/80970/90970 Special Topics in Christian Ethics: Womanist Theology
and Ethics**
3 Semester Hours

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Prerequisites: None

Description of Content

This course aims to familiarize students to the narrative arc, topical priorities, and current articulation of womanist Christian theology and ethics in the United States. This course challenges students to comparatively identify the cultural patterns and ideas within womanist theological and ethical thought that coincide with and differ from their own faith contexts.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe, name, and analyze various viewpoints of theological and ethical inquisition and exploration within the womanist Christian theological tradition
- Wrestle with why womanist standpoint is important for black women and women of color's theological and ethical life within the wider Christian church in order to broaden their ethical awareness
- Recognize and analyze the impact of marginal communities and their religious and thought life to the life and voice of majority Christian contexts

Class Procedures

Class will consist of lectures, exercises, and discussion.

Requirements:

1. Attendance and participation in the class sessions
2. Womanist definition exam
3. Midterm paper
4. Group Presentation
5. Group Presentation Paper

Texts

1. Pamela Lightsey, *Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology* (Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2015). ISBN: 9781498206648. \$14.
2. Marcia Riggs, *Plenty Good Room: Women Versus Male Power in the Black Church* (Eugene: Wipf & Stock Pub, 2008). ISBN: 9781606082133. \$16.

3. Alice Walker, *The Color Purple* (New York: Washington Square Press, 1982). ISBN: 9780156031820. \$10.

Students will need access to Brite's academic platform/learning management system to access the remainder of the readings. This platform as well as email will be my main means of communication with everyone in the course. If access in this manner is a problem, please be in touch with the appropriate persons to work towards the best solution.

Grading Procedures

Attendance and Participation: 30%

Womanist definition exam: 10%

Midterm paper: 20%

Group Presentation and Paper: 40%