

**American Baptist Churches of New York State
Lay Study Program**

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

STUDENT GUIDE

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Course Objective and Description

This ABC/NYS Lay Study Program course is designed to enable the student to relate Christian ethical traditions to contemporary issues. The course consists of 20 contact hours. As outlined below, the course is formatted for ten 2-hour sessions. Sessions may be re-ordered or taken in groups if matters of scheduling require it. We do not recommend, however, that sessions be divided between meetings, for each session is intended to be taken as a whole.

Student Requirements and Assessment

To receive a passing grade for this course, students are expected: (1) to read the material as assigned, (2) to participate in a minimum of 8 of the 10 scheduled sessions, or to arrange with the instructor a satisfactory make-up for missed sessions, and (3) to complete all assignments and projects as given by the instructor. The instructor is responsible for giving the student both constructive suggestions for improvement and affirmation of progress and achievements. Though the instructor is ultimately responsible for evaluation of student work, feedback from other students in some cases may be useful to the student.

The instructor's assessment of the student's work in the class is based on evaluation of the student's class participation, presentations and projects and written work. The final grade for this and all Lay Study Program courses is pass/fail.