

THEOLOGY (THEO)

THEO 505 Theological Foundations 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course is an introduction to the foundational doctrines and frameworks that shape Christian thought and engagement with theological truth claims. In addition to exploring and defending theological prolegomena, special focus will be made on developing student comprehension of essential doctrines related to God, Christ, the Spirit, humanity, salvation, and Scripture.

Offered: Resident

THEO 510 Survey of Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

A foundational study of the basic disciplines of theology. The following theological disciplines will be examined: biblical, systematic, historical, dogmatic, and contemporary theologies.

Offered: Resident

THEO 521 Foundations of Christian Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: SEMI 505 and SEMI 510

This course examines various approaches to theology which include but are not limited to biblical, historical, systematic, philosophical, and practical theology. The presuppositions undergirding theological procedures will be examined and evaluated.

Offered: Online

THEO 522 Essentials of Christian Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: SEMI 505 and SEMI 510 and THEO 521

This course examines essential doctrines of the Christian faith, including such teachings as the Trinity, deity of Christ, incarnation, resurrection, inerrancy of Scripture, creation ex nihilo, and the Second Coming.

Offered: Online

THEO 523 Issues in Christian Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: SEMI 505 and SEMI 510 and THEO 521

This course examines critical issues in evangelical Christian theology, with a special focus on issues related to both doctrine and practice (e.g., sovereignty and free will, church polity, baptism, the Lord Supper, sanctification, and the Imago Dei). This course will also explore critical issues related to Christian life and ethics.

Offered: Online

THEO 525 Systematic Theology I 3 Credit Hour(s)

A course beginning the study of systematic theology with special attention given to prolegomena the doctrines of Scripture, God, angels, humanity and sin.

Offered: Resident and Online

THEO 530 Systematic Theology II 3 Credit Hour(s)

A course completing the study of systematic theology with special attention given to the doctrines of the person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things. Such issues as nature and extent of salvation, the origin, nature and future of the church, and the eternal state are explored.

Offered: Resident and Online

THEO 540 Issues in Systematic Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: THEO 505

This course explores contemporary critical issues and debates in systematic theology. Students will examine disputed issues in eschatology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, theology proper, bibliology, soteriology, hamartiology, and Christology. Special attention will be given to those concerns that have direct import for the context of local church ministry.

Offered: Resident

THEO 600 Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: THEO 505 and THEO 540

This course explores the theoretical underpinnings, pressing moral questions, and practical implications of theological ethics, with a particular focus on application within contemporary ministries.

Offered: Resident

THEO 601 Patristic and Medieval Christian Thought 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the early development of Christian ideas from their background in the Greco-Roman world, Judaism, and the Scriptures, through the apostolic fathers, the apologists, and the early struggles toward doctrinal clarity and purity. In the latter half of the course, attention will be given to the establishment of papal supremacy, the rise and subsequent decline of the scholastic Christianity, and the conceptual factors leading toward the Renaissance and Reformation. (Formerly THEO 501)

THEO 602 Renaissance and Reformation Christian Thought 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: THEO 525 or THEO 530

A study of the renewal of cultural and intellectual activity in Europe from the later Middle Ages through the Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Roman Catholic Counter Reformation, rise of capitalism, scientific revolution, and the Enlightenment. (Formerly THEO 502)

Offered: Online

THEO 603 Modern and Contemporary Christian Thought 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of thought from Enlightenment trends to contemporary theological and philosophical developments. The latter subject includes Nineteenth Century liberalism, Twentieth Century new-orthodoxy, existentialism, and post-existential trends such as secular, liberation, and hope theologies. Attention is also given to recent philosophical movements such as logical positivism, linguistic analysis, and process thought. The course stresses the history of major ideas, the system of formative scholars, and the conservative alternative. (Formerly THEO 503)

Offered: Resident and Online

THEO 610 Biblical Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the nature, history and current trends in biblical theology. Each semester there will be a special focus given to specific areas in Old Testament biblical theology or New Testament Biblical theology.

Offered: Resident and Online

THEO 615 Theological Foundations for Humanitarian Action and Human Rights 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course examines Scripture to understand the relationship between evangelism and those serving in helping ministries. Special attention will be given to those who desire to minister to the hurting and oppressed in their own communities and around the world.

Offered: Online

THEO 620 Ecclesiology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: THEO 530

This course is a study of the origin, nature, purpose, mission, polity, and ministry of the church; a major emphasis will be on Baptist ecclesiology.

Offered: Online

THEO 625 Christ, Humanity, and Flourishing 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** THEO 505

This course explores the intersection between Christology and theological anthropology, especially as it relates to human flourishing. Special attention is given to key doctrines surrounding Christ (deity, humanity, and atoning work) and humanity (constitution, image, design, and fallenness), as well as how the person and work of Christ brings healing, restoration, and flourishing to a fallen world. This course will also evaluate a variety of contemporary ethical issues related to human flourishing from an orthodox, evangelical Christian perspective.

Offered: Resident**THEO 626 Doctrine of God 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 525

A study of the existence, nature, and attributes of the triune God. Contains a study of such doctrines as the decree of God, Creation, the providence of God, and the doctrine of the Trinity.

Offered: Resident and Online**THEO 630 Eschatology 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** THEO 530

A study of key issues related to eschatology such as heaven and hell, Israel, the church, the rapture, the tribulation, the millennium, the Book of Revelation, and Dispensationalism.

Offered: Online**THEO 635 Contemporary Theological Issues 3 Credit Hour(s)**

Designed to isolate and discuss major theological issues within the various major heads of systematic theology. Specific problems to be discussed will vary with the discretion of the professor, but issues such as free will and determinism, the nature of man, and the rapture of the Church are indicative of the kinds of issues to be discussed.

THEO 640 God, Providence, and Evil 3 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** THEO 505

This course will investigate the doctrine of God as it bears on divine providence and evil. Special attention is given to modern philosophical and theological perspectives from within the analytic and historical Christian tradition.

Offered: Resident**THEO 641 Advanced Bibliology 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 525

A detailed study of the whole area of Bibliology. Special emphasis will be placed on contemporary conceptions of such doctrines as Revelation and Inspiration. An in-depth analysis of the contemporary debate over the inerrancy and authority of Scripture will be included.

Offered: Resident**THEO 642 Advanced Christology 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 530

A detailed examination of the Person, nature, and works of Jesus Christ. Focus will be not only on traditional issues in Christology, but also on contemporary discussions in the field, both within orthodoxy and outside it.

Offered: Resident**THEO 644 Johannine Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)**

A course focusing on the unique contributions of John to each of the major areas of history, symbolism, language and journalistic style of development. From the course, the student will correlate the unique Johannine principles of theologizing and hermeneutics, as well as the particular contributions John makes to New Testament theology.

Note: Offered to M.A. and Th.M. students.**THEO 645 Scripture, Revelation, and Knowledge of God 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 505

This course provides a thorough examination of the doctrines of Scripture and divine revelation, while also exploring the question of the knowability of God. Such key doctrines as inspiration, inerrancy, authority, and canon will be considered, as well as certain contemporary theological and philosophical issues (e.g., natural theology, religious language, speech act theory).

Offered: Resident**THEO 650 Public Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)****Online Prerequisite:** THEO 525 or THEO 530

A study of the role and practice of Christian ministry in responding to ethical challenges presented by cultural developments in the contemporary world.

Offered: Resident and Online**THEO 654 Pneumatology 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 530

A comprehensive study of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. The activities of the Holy Spirit are traced through the Old and New Testaments, with special attention to His ministry to Christ, to the Church, and to the individual Christian.

Offered: Resident and Online**THEO 655 Spirit-Empowered Church and the Kingdom 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** THEO 505

This course will explore the connections and theological models for understanding the relationship between the Spirit, the Church, and the Kingdom of God, both now and in the future. It will orient the student in the rich and complex theological dialogue regarding these essential systematic doctrines and their importance for the believer.

Offered: Resident**THEO 678 Western and New Religions 3 Credit Hour(s)**

The history, doctrines, and present state of the major cults such as Mormonism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventism. The course will also include a study of the Occult Movement. Emphasis is placed on the errors of these groups and on methods and materials for confronting them effectively.

THEO 679 Theology Capstone 3 Credit Hour(s)**Online Prerequisite:** (THEO 603 or THEO 503) and THEO 610

This theology capstone course is for the Master of Theology student who has completed at least 24 hours toward the degree. This course is to demonstrate scholarship and contribute to the general knowledge in a specified field of theology. The approved topic must be related to the student's chosen area of study in the Master of Theology program.

Offered: Online**THEO 695 Directed Research in Theology 1-3 Credit Hour(s)**

Designed for the advanced student in good standing who has demonstrated an ability to work independently. The student will work with the instructor in developing a proposal for guided research in a specified area of theology.

Offered: Online**THEO 697 Seminar in Theological Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)**

An intensive study in a specific subject of theology. This course allows variation in the approach and content of the regular curriculum and often will be used by visiting professors.

Offered: Resident and Online

THEO 698 Thesis Project Proposal and Research 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident