

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Systematic Theology 2—THEO 5301

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NOBTS Mission:

To equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Description (From Catalog)

THEO5301 Systematic Theology 2 (3 hours)

This second course in systematic theology introduces the student to the doctrines of the work of Christ, salvation and the Christian life, the Holy Spirit, the church, and last things (eschatology). The biblical foundation and the relevant historical developments are considered in developing a comprehensive statement of Christian teaching concerning construction of a Christian understanding of each doctrine. Prerequisite: It is highly suggested that students take Systematic Theology 1 before taking this course.

Core Value Focus:

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course supports the five core values emphasized by the seminary. The core value for 2015-2016 is Mission Focus.

Mission Focus-- "We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries."

Course Objectives

By the end of this course the student should:

- **Utilize** concepts and arguments related to systematic theology in the discussion of religious topics.
- **Value** systematic theology as it relates to life and Christian Ministry.
- **Develop** sound arguments for and critiques of religious perspectives.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Be able to understand theological method and the doctrines of the work of Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and last things biblically, historically, and systematically.
2. Be able to apply theology by integrating these doctrines into a coherent, comprehensive, and consistent Christian worldview.
3. Be able to communicate these doctrines in the particular ministry calling and context of the learner.

Assignments

Section Tests: Students will complete four sections tests. Each test will cover the assigned material. Each test is open book and open notes. The tests are not cumulative. Tests will be administered via the Blackboard.

Guided Research Papers: Each student will complete two guided research papers. Each paper will address selected theological topics and will require significant research and reflection. Guides for each paper will be provided via Blackboard. Papers will be submitted via Blackboard.

Critical Book Reviews: Each student will read and critically review two books selected by the professor. Each book review will contain biographical information about the author, a summary of the book's content, and an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the book.

Writing Guide

The latest edition of Turabian is the style guide. An example of style expectations will be provided by the professor.

Late Work:

All assignments are due on the dates assigned and must be submitted via Blackboard.

Late work will not be accepted.

Grading:

Tests	20%
Guided Research Papers:	40%
Critical Book Reviews:	40%

Total 100%

Final Grades will be assessed according to current New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog.

Absences

Attendance is required. The absence policy in the current New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog will be enforced.

Resources

Since this course has limited meeting times, I will be posting lectures as video links within Blackboard. I suggest that you watch the lectures related to the topics for each session prior to the class meeting. I expect you to read all of the assigned readings before each class meeting. In our meetings I want to field questions and explore the topics in an interactive manner. I would like each member of the class to engage in discussion during our class meetings.

Texts:

Systematic Theology:

A Systematic Theology text is required for this course. Since I did not teach the first session, I will not require that you purchase another systematic text, if you already own one. Any of the three following texts are acceptable for this course.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1983.

Akin, Daniel, *A Theology for the Church*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2007.

Supplemental:

A good theological dictionary is a great value to have while taking a systematic theology course and in ministry. I suggest that you add both of these works (or similar works) to your collection.

Erickson, Millard J. *The Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology*. Wheaton; IL: Crossway, 2001.

Elwell, Walter A. Ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academics, 2001

Book Reviews:

These books will be reviewed during the semester.

Keathley, Kenneth. *Salvation and Sovereignty: A Molinist Approach*. Nashville: B&H, 2010. (Amazon Prices: Paperback \$20, Kindle \$8)

Harper and Metzger, *Exploring Ecclesiology: An Evangelical and Ecumenical Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Brazos: 2009. (Amazon Prices: \$25, Kindle \$16)

Course Outline

The course schedule is tentative and will be modified as necessary. All reading assignments are to be completed prior to the class session for which they are assigned. I recommend that you complete as much of your reading as soon as possible. Reading assignments are from *A Theology for the Church* by Daniel Akin. Alternative chapters are from *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem.

Date	#	Part	Topics	Akin	Alt.	Assignments Due
1/25	1	Christology	Welcome Introduction to the Work of Christ The Resurrection of Christ The Atonement of Christ	Ch. 10	Ch. 27, 28, 29	
2/8	2	Soteriology	Common Grace Election and Reprobation	Ch. 12	Ch. 31, 32, 33	Test 1 (Person of Christ)
2/22	3		General and Effectual Calling Conversion and Adoption Justification and Sanctification		Ch. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	Book Review Keathly
3/7	4		Perseverance Death and Glorification		Ch. 40, 41, 42, 43	Guided Research Paper 1 Test 2 (Soteriology)
3/21	5	Pneumatology	The Person of the Holy Spirit The Work of the Holy Spirit Spiritual Gifts	Ch. 11	Ch. 30, 39, 52, 53	Test 3 (Pneumatology)
4/4	6	Ecclesiology	The Nature of the Church The Role of the Church	Ch 13	Ch. 44,45,46, 47,48	Book Review Baker & Metzger
4/18	7		Baptism Communion Unity of the Church Governance of the Church		Ch. 49,50,51, 52,53	Guided Research paper 2
5/2	8	Eschatology	Introduction to Eschatology The Second Coming Millennium and Tribulation Final States	Ch. 14	Ch. 54,55,56, 57	Test 4 (Ecclesiology and Eschatology)

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