



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: THE205NT - Introduction to Theology

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

Introduction to Theology is a foundational course in fundamental biblical teaching. Starting from the notion of the absolute, objective authority of God’s Word, this course provides a basic survey of classic theological issues such as the Bible, God, Man, Sin, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, and the Second Coming. Special attention will be given to a sound understanding and application of key biblical texts for faithful Christian discipleship.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*
1	Describe key biblical doctrines using accurate terminology.	2
2	Demonstrate the biblical basis for a conservative evangelical position regarding select doctrinal issues.	3
3	Apply biblical teaching to select doctrinal, moral, and cultural issues.	3
4	Distinguish between orthodox viewpoints on select doctrinal issues.	4
5	Justify the importance of a knowledge of sound doctrine for authentic Christian discipleship and faithful Christian living.	5

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

“Biblical Integration” in a course on essential Christian doctrine is essentially “biblical application.” Whereas “secular” courses are faced with the challenge of integration (learning to view the discipline in light of biblical revelation in order to develop a biblical worldview), a course in biblical doctrine faces the challenge of application (learning to view the discipline in a way that develops right thinking, right living, and right worship). In this course, students will consider a number of key doctrinal issues and learn to consider the entirety of biblical teaching in formulating a viewpoint or drawing a conclusion.

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Discussion Questions and Reflection Papers will challenge them to consider the implications of holding to sound, biblical teaching as well as the consequences of abandoning sound doctrine. The major writing assignment for the course will engage the students on the issue of biblical authority, and other assignments will challenge them to apply an understanding of authoritative, objective truth to doctrinal, moral, and cultural questions.

Required Media:

DeYoung, Kevin (2014). *Taking God At His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me*. Crossway. ISBN-13: 978-1433551031

Grudem, Wayne. (2022). *Christian Beliefs, Revised Edition: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know*. InterVarsity Press. ISBN-13: 978-0310124337

Kapic, Kelly (2012). *A Little Book for New Theologians*. IVP Academic. ISBN-13: 978-0830839759

The Bible (various recommended translations - ESV, NIV, or NASB)

Course Content Expert Weekly Videos

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Quiz (8) - 4 @ 26 pts. each, 4 @ 24 pts each	200
300-word Application Paper (6) - 50 pts. each	300
600-word Theology & Life Paper	100
600-word Biblical Authority Paper	100
250-word Reflection Paper (5) - 20 pts. each	100
Total Points:	1,000

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Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Kopic, Chapters 1-7
2. DeYoung, Chapter 1
3. Weber, Week 1 Introductory Video
4. Weber, 1a - Doctrine Matters Video
5. Weber, 1b - Knowing God Video
6. Weber, 1c - Knowing About God Video
7. Weber, 1d - Doctrine, Discipleship, and Authority Video

Assignments:

1. 1-1 Theology & Life Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 1-2 Quiz
3. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Kopic, Chapters 8-10
2. Grudem, Chapter 1
3. DeYoung, Chapters 2-3
4. Weber, Week 2 Introductory Video
5. Weber, 2a - The Doctrine of Inspiration of Scripture
6. Weber, 2b - The Authority of Scripture
7. Weber, 2c - The Doctrine of Inerrancy (Part 1)
8. Weber, 2d - The Doctrine of Inerrancy (Part 2)
9. Weber, 2e - The Purpose and Sufficiency of Scripture

Assignments:

1. 2-1 Application Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 2-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. 2-3 Quiz
4. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 3

Media:

1. DeYoung, Chapters 4-5
2. Grudem, Chapters 2-5
3. Weber, Week 3 Introductory Video
4. Weber, 3a - The Existence and Aseity of God
5. Weber, 3b - The Doctrine of the Trinity
6. Weber, 3c - The Immutability of God
7. Weber, 3d - The Holiness of God and the Sinfulness of Man

Assignments:

1. 3-1 Application Paper- See Instructions in the course
2. 3-2 Quiz
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. DeYoung, Chapters 6-7
2. Grudem, Chapters 9-11
3. Schreiner, "Substitutionary Atonement" PDF
4. Weber, Week 4 Introductory Video
5. Weber, 4a - The Deity of Christ Video
6. Weber, 4b - The Humanity of Christ Video
7. Weber, 4c - The Hypostatic Union
8. White, "Hypostatic Union" Video
9. Weber, 4d - The Doctrine of the Atonement

Assignments:

1. 4-1 Application Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 4-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. 4-3 Quiz
4. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 5

Media:

1. Grudem, Chapters 7-8 & 12-13
2. DeYoung, Chapter 8
3. Weber, Week 5 Introduction Video
4. Weber, 5a – The Doctrine of Conversion Video
5. Weber, 5b – The Gospel Call Video
6. Weber, 5c – The Effectual Call Video
7. Weber, 5d – The Doctrine of Illumination Video
8. Weber, 5e – The Doctrine of Election Video
9. Weber, 5f – Grace and Regeneration Video

Assignments:

1. 5-1 Application Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 5-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. 5-3 Quiz
4. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Grudem, Chapters 14-15
2. Weber, 6a – Regeneration and Conversion Video
3. Weber, 6b – The Doctrine of Justification Video
4. Weber, 6c – The Imputation of Christ's Righteousness Video
5. Weber, 6d – The Doctrine of Sanctification
6. Weber, 6e – The Doctrine of Preservation
7. Weber, 6f – The Doctrine of Perseverance

Assignments:

1. 6-1 Application Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 6-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. 6-3 Quiz
4. Wk6 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

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Week 7

Media:

1. Grudem, Chapter 17
2. Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy PDF
3. Weber, 7a – The Church as *Ecclesia* Video
4. Weber, 7b – The Identity of the Church (Part 1) Video
5. Weber, 7c – The Identity of the Church (Part 2) Video
6. Weber, 7d – The Identity of the Church (Part 3) Video
7. Weber, 7e – Sacraments and Ordinances Video
8. Weber, 7f – The Doctrine of Baptism Video

Assignments:

1. 7-1 Biblical Authority Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 7-2 Application Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. 7-3 Quiz
4. Wk7 Discussion - Name if there is one. - See Instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. Grudem, Chapters 16, 18-20
2. Weber, 8a – Introduction to the Last Things
3. Weber, 8b – The Doctrine of Death
4. Weber, 8c – The Doctrine of Intermediate State
5. Weber, 8d – Doctrines of Resurrection, Heaven, and Hell
6. Weber, 8e – The Second Coming and the Rapture
7. Weber, 8f – Coming for the Church, Coming for the Kingdom

Assignments:

1. 8-1 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. 8-2 Quiz
3. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course