

THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

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Courses

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Written consent of the professor is required for registration in seminars. Seminars are not substitutes for core requirements.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

THST521 (2-3)

Survey of Christian Theology I
Study of interdisciplinary nature, sources and methods of theology. An investigation of the nature of God—the Trinity, foreknowledge, predestination; and His works—creation, providence, the covenant, law and Sabbath.

THST522 (2-3)

Survey of Christian Theology II
Study of human nature and destiny, including origin, fall and restoration of the image of God. The person and works of Christ: atonement and salvation.

THST523 (2-3)

Survey of Christian Theology III
Doctrines of the Holy Spirit—the person and work of the third member of the Triune God; the Church—marks, ministry and mission; and Eschatology—Adventist, Christ-centered study of end-time prophecies and events.

THST615 (2-3)

Doctrine of the Church
The nature, attributes, marks, and government of the Christian Church. Its relation to Christ, to the Scriptures, and to the Holy Spirit. The ordinances and the ministry.

THST617 (2-3)

The Works of God
An in-depth study of such doctrines as creation, law and covenant, and Sabbath. Can be repeated for credit.

THST618

The Works of Christ

An in-depth study of such doctrines as atonement, salvation, and righteousness by faith. Can be repeated for credit.

THST619

Principles and Methods of Theology

The nature, function, and practice of constructive theological activity. Doing theology: What? Why? How? For advanced students.

THST637

Biblical Eschatology

Adventist approach to a Christ-centered interpretation of the end-time prophecies regarding the judgment, the second coming of Christ, the kingdom of God, and the millennium in the Old and New Testaments on the basis of biblical principles of interpretation.

THST541

Adventist Theology I

A broad study of the Christ doctrine of Salvation: The author, object, need, agent, process, and result of salvation. Biblical, historical and systematic considerations are intrinsic to this course. While the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of this doctrine constitutes the central focus of the study, other views are also acknowledged.

THST542

Adventist Theology II

An in-depth study of selected areas of Seventh-day Adventist theology such as great controversy, kingdom of God, Holy Spirit, three angels' messages, judgment, millennium, and Sabbath.

THST616

Doctrine of God

A study of the nature and attributes of God and His relation to the world. Consideration of divine foreknowledge, predestination, and providence; the Trinity; God as person.

THST630

Doctrine of Christ

The unique person of Christ: His pre-existence, virgin birth, and incarnation. The incarnate relation of His divinity and humanity. The meaning and implications of His death.

THST639

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The person and work of the Holy Spirit in the plan of redemption and the divine economy.

THST647

Human Nature and Destiny

Origin of humanity, the fall, and sin—its nature and effect. The nature of man, the doctrine of immortality. Man and woman as the image of God.

THST704

Ecclesiology and the Practice of Ministry

Selected issues in ecclesiology related to the practice of ministry.

THST940

Seminar in Systematic Theology

Selected issues in systematic theology. Can be repeated for credit.

(2-3) HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

THST610

Understanding the Christian World

Reaching Roman Catholic, Protestant, Ecumenical, and post-denominational minds. Addressing the post-modern worldview, as well as other challenges to the task of theology in general, and to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in particular.

THST624

Protestant Theological Heritage

The most important positions of the great shapers of the Protestant tradition from the earliest times to the present.

THST625

Early Christian Theology

Study of the doctrinal development of the Church from the close of the apostolic age to Augustine in such themes as heresy, ethics, salvation, authority, and ecclesiology.

THST626

Modern Christian Theology

Study of the major doctrinal trends of the Church from Anselm to Wesley. Particular attention given to such themes as atonement, salvation, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

THST627

Roman Catholic Life & Thought

An introduction to Roman Catholic theology. Attention given to major doctrinal formulations, dogmas, and practices from the patristic period to the present in dialogue with Scripture.

THST628

Contemporary Theology

Study of major trends in 19th- and 20th-century theology, including liberalism and neo-orthodoxy, and such shapers of religious thought as Schleiermacher, Barth, and Bultmann viewed over the rise and development of Adventist theology.

THST629

Interchurch Dialogue

Analytical and critical study of the development, structures, problems, and theological implications of ecumenical and post-denominational movements. Evaluation and response from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective.

THST646

Studies in Historical Theology

Development of theological tradition, movement, doctrine, or theme throughout the history of Judeo-Christian thought. Repeatable.

THST809

The Theology of Ellen G. White

Analytical study of major theological themes in the writings of E. G. White and their influence on Adventist theology. Repeatable.

THST830

Methods in Historical Theology

An orientation of a theological tradition, movement, doctrine, or theme throughout the history of Judeo-Christian thought. Repeatable.

THST964

Seminar in Historical Theology

Study of selected doctrinal and historical issues and systems.

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS**THST550** (2-3)
Principles of Christian Ethics

Study of the basic moral guidelines and ethical principles contained in the Bible. Application of these guidelines and principles to contemporary moral issues of special interest for Seventh-day Adventists.

THST600 (2-3)
Christian Personal Ethics

An application of Christian moral teachings to various personal issues and dilemmas with special emphasis on the moral habits and Christian character.

THST634 (2-3)
Christian Social Ethics

An exploration of selected issues currently confronting the church, such as ethnic relations, the role of women, nationalism and liberation theology, poverty and hunger, and relations with civil governments.

THST643 (2-3)
Christian Professional Ethics

An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to CHMN643.

THST667 (2-3)
Postmodernism and the Church

A critical study of the nature and ideological origins of the postmodern mind as it relates to both the theology and the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

THST676 (2-3)
History of Philosophy

An overview of classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy: an introduction to key figures such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, and Kant; and a survey of recent developments such as process, existentialist, and analytical philosophy.

THST678 (2-3)
Science and Religion

The relation of scientific information and theory to Christian doctrines; theories of origin, geologic time, uniformity, and organic evolution as developed in the fields of historical geology and biology.

THST644 (2-3)
Theological Ethics

Discussion and application of biblical teachings and normative models to decision making and standards of Christian behavior in the context of praxis of ministry. THST550 strongly recommended (expected for MDiv students) prior to this course.

THST814 (3)
Philosophy and Theology

The interrelation between philosophical and theological thought-forms considered in the light of the biblical perspective.

THST935 (3)
*Seminar in Philosophical Theology***THST966***Seminar in Ethics*

Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

INDIVIDUAL STUDIES**THST690***Independent Study*

Restricted to advanced students. Selected problems in the field of theology. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

THST890*Directed Reading in Systematic Theology***THST895***Directed Reading in Historical Theology***THST896***Directed Reading in Christian Ethics***(3) WORLD MISSION**

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Courses**(Credits)**

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MSSN525 (2-3)
Mission to the World

A broad introduction to Christian world missions. Includes aspects of mission history, the theological foundations of mission, intercultural perspectives of mission service, and contemporary theoretical thought about missions. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN530 (2-3)
Theology and Witness for Other Faiths

Fosters an understanding of and an approach to other faiths as found in North America. Includes Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, New Age, Bahai, etc. MSSN525 *Mission to the World* prerequisite. Required for all MDiv students.

MSSN535 (2-3)
Applied Missiology for Pastors

Uses the insights of missiology and the social sciences for the analysis of congregations and society. Forms the base for informed witness and cultural and ethnic understanding and cooperation. MSSN525 *Mission to the World* prerequisite. Required for all MDiv students.

MSSN584 (2-4)
Preparation for Mission Service

A general orientation for missionary candidates that aims to (1) create an awareness of the actual - missionary situation today; (2) prepare mission appointees to meet this situation; and (3) shape attitudes that are indispensable to a fruitful mission service.

MSSN610 (2-3)
Theology of Mission

The biblical foundation of mission—its essence, goals, motives, and the role of the church in mission.

MSSN615 (2-3)
Anthropology for Mission and Ministry

The fundamentals of culture, social structure, group organization, and social change studied as a basis for intercultural understanding and communication. Attention given to issues which constitute challenges and opportunities to cross-cultural workers.