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:
Servant Leadership - We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

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.

Assignments
Guided Research Paper: Each student will write two guided research papers consisting of approximately 4,000 to 6,000 words.

Critical Book Reviews: Each student will write a critical book review of three books. Each book review should consist of approximately 2,000 to 3,000 words with NO MORE than 800 to 1,200 words (40% of the paper) as SUMMARY of the material. The purpose of a critical book review is to challenge or support the arguments of the authors.

Class Participation: Participation in the class, individually and as a group, is essential and required.

Writing Guide
An example of style expectations will be provided by the professor.

Late Work:
All assignments are due at the beginning of the class period for which they are assigned. Late work will not be accepted.
Grading:
Guided Research Papers: 50%
Critical Book Reviews: 50%
Total 100%
Final Grades will be assessed according to current New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog.

Extra Credit
Critical Book Reviews: Each student may critically evaluate up to two books not previously reviewed for extra credit. Each book review may add up to three points to the final average. (Excellent book review + 3 points, Good book review +2 points, Average book review, +1 point, Poor book review +0 points). Extra credit book reviews will conform to the same standard as the assigned book reviews.

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

Textbooks
Required Texts

Book Reviews

Optional Texts
## 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.

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