

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

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

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

Book Reviews

Allison, Gregg R. and John S. Fineberg. *Sojourners and Strangers: The Doctrine of the Church*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Keathley, Kenneth. *Salvation and Sovereignty: A Molinist Approach*. Nashville: B&H, 2010.

Beilby, James. Ed. *The Nature of the Atonement: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006.

Optional Texts

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

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

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

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

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