ST625OL God The Father

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COURSE SYLLABUS

DEPARTMENT: Church History/Systematic Theology

Credit Hours: 3

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course uses the Bible and major theologians and philosophers to equip students to proclaim God the Father, the Creator, to contemporary society. It includes discussions of divine revelation, the person and work of God the Father, the Trinity, creation, humanity, the fall, providence and civil society. An evangelical Anglican position is developed using the Thirty-Nine Articles and contemporary authors, and is applied to Christian ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To learn how to think theologically. By end of the course, you will have a working knowledge of the essential doctrines and theological principles of the Christian faith and understand how they hold together as a unified body of faithful Christian belief. These will equip you to engage theological issues that confront the Church today.

2. To become better acquainted with the entire Christian theological tradition. You will learn of those theologians and movements whose key insights have shaped the history of Christian theological reflection from the early church up to the present. You will gain an appreciation for the breadth and depth, unity and diversity of the Christian theological tradition.

3. To become better acquainted with the Anglican theological tradition. Through a study of the Thirty-Nine Articles, you will gain a deeper understanding of the defining theology and practices of Anglican Christianity. In the context of this course, you will learn how Anglican Christianity is both distinct yet congruent with the larger Christian tradition.

4. To better understand how theology relates to ministry. Through written assignments and online discussion, you will have opportunity to develop your thinking about the implications of Christian doctrine for Christian life and ministry.
COURSE TEXTS

Required texts:


Recommended texts: (Choose 1 for the Book Review assignment)


COURSE EVALUATION

Completion of Weekly Reading: 10%
Initial Reflection on Weekly Reading: 25%
Engagement with Colleagues:15%
Book Review:20%
Major Paper:30%
TOTAL: 100%