

ADVANCE Ministry Preparation

Sponsored by Gateway Seminary

CLL 1211 Christian Theology 基督教神學 I – 3 hours

Fall 2021

Every Monday, 9/20/2021-12/27-2021, 7:30-10PM on Zoom

Except: Hybrid meeting on Saturday 11/13, 10AM-1PM (with lunch) and no class on Monday 11/15

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COURSE DESCRIPTION 課程描述

An introduction to Christian Theology focusing on its nature, task, method, and application followed by a survey of the doctrines of Revelation, the Triune God, Creation, Humanity, and Sin.

基督教神學的介紹，重點介紹神學的性質、任務、方法和應用，研究主題包括啟示、三位一體的神、創造、人性和罪的教義。

COURSE OBJECTIVES 課程目標

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be better able to:

1. Express a clear understanding of the major Christian doctrines.
2. Employ a theological method that includes Biblical exegesis, historical developments, philosophical insight, and experiential reality to articulate Biblical truth with accuracy, clarity and coherence;
3. Be knowledgeable of a variety of theological approaches and methodologies;
4. Articulate their own personal theological positions; and
5. Function as responsible pastoral theologians in applying Christian truth to contemporary life.

在成功完成本課程後，學員應能更好地：

1. 明確理解主要的基督教教義。
2. 運用釋經、歷史、哲學和現實體驗等神學方法，準確、清晰、連貫地闡明聖經真理。
3. 了解各種神學角度和方法。
4. 闡明自己的個人神學立場。和:
5. 作為教牧神學人，將基督的真理運用到當代生活中。

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS 必須課本

One of the following three:

Option A (English):

Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 3rd ed. (Baker Academic, 2013).
ISBN-13: 978-0801036439
Available for purchase [here](#). (Kindle edition is fine.)

Option B (Chinese):

Alternatively, the first and second volumes in the 3-volume Chinese translations.

艾利克森 Millard J. Erickson 基督教神學, 三卷(中華福音神學院 2000, 2002, 2002)

卷一 ISBN:978-9570471052

卷二 ISBN:978-9570471168

卷三 ISBN:978-9570471281

Available for mail order at US Tiendao 北美天道書樓 (www.ustiendao.net/).

Option C (English):

Akin, Daniel L., ed. *A Theology for the Church*. Rev. ed. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2014.

Akin's volume is a collection of topical chapter contribution by leading Baptist theologians.

Chinese translation of selected chapters will be provided by the instructor.

HELPFUL RESOURCES 有用的參考

Boice, James Montgomery. *Foundations of the Christian Faith: A Comprehensive and Readable Theology*. Rev & exp. IVP Academic, 2019.

Conyers, A. J. *A Basic Christian Theology*. 2nd ed. Edited by Jacob Shatzer. St. Augustine Press, 2019.

Grenz, Stanley. *What Christians Really Believe & Why*. WJK, 1998.

Humphreys, Fisher. *Thinking About God*. Insight Press, 1994.

Milne, Bruce. *Know the Truth: A Handbook of Christian Belief*. 3rd ed. IVP, 2009.

GRADING AND ASSIGNMENTS 評分和作業

Over the course of the semester, the following evaluation exercises will be used to determine the level of mastery of course content achieved by each class participant: 在本學期中，以下作業將被用來確定學員對課程內容的掌握程度:

1. ***Class attendance and participation*** 課堂出勤和參與 (10%)

Class attendance and participation are critical to the learning process. Students should attend and properly prepare for every class meeting. 課堂出席和參與對學習過程至關重要。學員需要出席課堂，並為之做適當的預備。

2. **Reading 閱讀** (15%)

One of the three choices. 三種選擇之一。

3. **Open Book Weekly quizzes 開卷每週測驗** (15%)

There will be a multiple choice quiz every week to test the students of their understanding of the reading and lecture materials. 每周將舉行多項選擇測驗，以測試學生對閱讀和演講材料的理解。

4. **Personal theological positions 個人神學立場** (15%)

Students will write a series of short responses to theological topics covered in this course. The responses should be posted on Moodle. Each response should be less than 500 English words or 750 Chinese characters.

- a. What is revelation and how does it work? 什麼是啟示，它是如何運作的？
- b. Is the Bible reliable, trustworthy, or inerrant? What are the implications? 聖經是否可靠，值得信賴，或無誤？其含義是什麼？
- c. Explain the Trinity and its importance in Christian theology. 解釋三位一體及其在基督教神學中的重要性。
- d. God's relationship to creation and time. 上帝與創造和時間的關係。
- e. What is the role and meaning of God's sovereignty and relationship to his providence? 神的主權和保守的作用和意義是什麼？
- f. Historicity of Adam and Eve and its implications on Christian theology. 亞當和夏娃的歷史性及其對基督教神學的影響。
- g. What does the 'image of God' mean and what are its implications? 神的形象是什麼意思，它意味著什麼？
- h. What is original sin and how does it affect Christian theology? 什麼是原罪，它如何影響基督教神學？

5. **Theological interviews 神學訪談** (15%)

Students will conduct three interviews using the topics for the personal positions papers. Students should consolidate notes and views of interviews, which should be about 1-3 pages per interview. One of the interviews will be with a layperson from their church not in the class. One will be with a pastor or ministry leader at their church. One will be with someone who does not attend their church, either Christian or not. (These can be turned into presentations but should not include names of interviewees.) 學員將利用個人神學立場的主題進行三次訪談。學生應該整合採訪的筆記和觀點，每次採訪的篇幅應該在1-3頁左右。其中一次採訪的對象是他們教會中不在班上的平信徒。一次是他們教會的牧師或事工領袖。一次是不參加他們教會的人，是基督徒還是非基督徒均可。(這些都可以寫成報告，但不應該包括被採訪者的名字)。

6. **Open Book Final exam 開卷期末考試** (30%)

There will be a final exam as noted in the schedule below. The final exam will be a comprehensive exam, focusing on the readings and class lectures throughout the

semester. 將有一次期末考試，具體時間安排見下文。期末考試將是一次綜合考試，重點是整個學期的閱讀和課堂講授。

Semester Grades 評分

<i>Participation</i>	10%
<i>Reading</i>	15%
<i>Quizzes</i>	15%
<i>Position Papers</i>	15%
<i>Interview Paper</i>	15%
<i>Final</i>	30%
<i>Total</i>	100%

GRADING SCALE 評分標準

A 94-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D 65-69
A- 90-93	B 83-86	C 73-76	F 0-64
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	

COURSE SCHEDULE 課程安排

Session	Date	Lectures	Reading Option A: Erikson 3 rd ed. (English)	Reading Option B: Erikson 2 nd ed. (Chinese)	Reading Option C, Akin (English)
1	9/20	Introduction to the Course Introductory Matters: The Why and What of Theology 神學的原因和內容	1-3	1-3	1
2	9/27	Introductory Matters: The How and Where of Theology 神學的方式和地點	4-5	4-7	1
3	10/4	Revelation: The God Who Speaks 啓示: 說話的神	6-8	8-10	2
4	10/11	Revelation: The God Who Speaks 啓示: 說話的神	9-10	11-12	3

5	10/18	The Doctrine of God 神的教義	11-12	13	4
6	10/25	The Doctrine of God 神的教義	13	14-15	4
7	11/1	The Triune God: The God Who is Three-in-One 三位一體的神	14	16	4
8	11/8	Creation: The God Who Creates 創造的神	15-16	17-18	5
9	11/13 (Sat)	Providence and Prayer: The God Who is Sovereign 主權的神	17-18	19-20	6
10	11/22	Providence and Prayer: The God Who is Sovereign 主權的神	19	21	6
11	11/29	Humanity: Image Bearers of the Triune God 人:三位一體神的形象	20-22	22-24	7
12	12/6	Humanity: Image Bearers of the Triune God 人:三位一體神的形象	23-24	25-26	7
13	12/13	Evil and Sin: Creation's Scar 邪惡和罪惡: 創世的傷痕	25-27	27-29	8
14	12/20	Evil and Sin: Love Unlimited 邪惡和罪惡: 無限的愛 Review of Semester 學期回顧 Interview Papers DUE (present or discuss) 論文	28-29	30-31	8
15	12/27	Final Exam			

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES 其他資源

Systematic Theology

Bloesch, Donald. *Essentials of Evangelical Theology*, 2 vols. HarperOne, 1982.

Chan, Simon. *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life*. IVP, 1998.

Conner, W. T. *Christian Doctrine*. Broadman, 1937.

Grenz, Stanley. *Theology for the Community of God*. Eerdmans, 2000.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Zondervan, 1995.

Jenson, Robert. *Systematic Theology*, 2 vols. Oxford University Press, 1992 & 1997.

McGrath, Alistair. *Christian Faith: An Introduction*. 4th ed. Blackwell, 2007.

Migliore, Daniel. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*
Eerdmans, 1991.

Oden, Thomas. *Systematic Theology: The Living God, The Word of Life, Life in the Spirit*, 3 vols.
Hendrickson, 2006.

Theological Studies

Coppedge, Allan. *Portraits of God: A Biblical Theology of Holiness*. IVP, 2001.

Cowan, Steven, ed. *Five Views on Apologetics*. Zondervan, 2000.

Erickson, Millard. *God in Three Persons: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Trinity*. Baker
Book House, 1995.

Erickson, Millard. *God the Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine
Attributes*. Baker Book House, 1998.

Hart, Trevor. *Faith Thinking: The Dynamics of Christian Theology*. IVP, 1995.

McGrath, Alister. *The Christian Theology Reader*. 4th ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Moreland, J. P. and John Mark Reynolds, eds. *Three Views on Creation and Evolution*.
Zondervan, 1999.

Musser, Donald and Joseph Price, eds. *New & Enlarged Handbook of Christian Theology: Revised Edition* Abingdon, 2003.

Piper, John. *The Pleasures of God*. Multnomah, 2000.

Packer, James. *Knowing God*. IVP Books, 1993.

Stone, Howard and James Duke. *How to Think Theologically*. Fortress Press, 1996.