

DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the discipline of theology, through an examination of fundamental issues such as faith, revelation, scripture, tradition, doctrine, and dogma, and theological method. The course will also provide an overview of selected classical, modern and contemporary theologians and the differing methodologies which they use in doing theology. The course aims to create a foundation for further course work in systematic theology, and to assist the student in developing a basic theoretical framework essential for investigating theological issues critically to formulate appropriate pastoral responses.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To understand what theology is in a global, pluralist society.
2. To explore how the person functions theologically in today's context
3. To distinguish various theological methods or approaches
4. To clarify the meanings of basic beliefs theologically
5. To understand and interconnect the areas of theological study in a systematic whole for ministry

PROCEDURES:

The course will include both lecture, discussion, and oral and written activities.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on their written work and their engagement in class discussions.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- McGrath, Alister. *Theology: The Basics*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 2008.
- McGrath, Alister. *Theology: The Basic Readings*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 2008.
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