



Hmong Christian Institute

Course Syllabus

COURSE: THE 301: SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

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I. Purpose of the Course: To guide students in development of a deeper theological framework which enables them to reflect on and interpret their personal study of the Word of God.

II. Objectives:

- A. Enable students to develop analytical abilities with regard to Scripture and personal Bible study.
- B. Enable students to develop critical thinking processes demonstrated in a personal statement of theological understanding.
- C. Enable students to develop apologetical skills for defense of faith in their culture and ministry situations.

III. Course Requirements:

- A. Complete reading the text *Lecture in Systematic Theology* by Henry Clarence Thiessen, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. Chapters and pages will be assigned below.
- B. Reading reactions: Students are required to answer two to three questions relating to the readings assigned for that week and email the answers to the instructor by or before midnight on the last day of the week.
- C. The students are to attend one or two classes by ZOOM and participate in class discussion. Date and time of the classes will be announced by the instructor.
- D. A final exam will be given within one week of the final class.
- E. Term paper. Each student is to write a term paper on one of the following topics based on the Bible, his/her belief by using at least three sources. The paper is to be 6-8 pages with an outline, double space, and standard size.
 - 1. The belief of the existence of God
 - 2. The redemption of Christ in the salvation of man
 - 3. The divinity of Jesus

4. The Calvinist's view
5. The Armenian's view
6. The church and its mission
7. Satan and demons: their origin, works, and destination
8. Angels: their origin, classification, and works
9. The theology of the millennium
10. Other topics (Need approval from instructor)

IV. Grades:

A.	Reading and reaction questions	40%
	a. Weekly reading report	25%
	b. Reaction reactions	15%
B.	Class participation	10%
	a. Attendance	5%
	b. Discussion	5%
C.	Final examination	25%
B.	Term/research paper	25%

Paper is due one week after the final class

Total **100 points**

V. Grade scale used:

98-100 = A + (Superior)	80-78 = C+ (Fair)
94-97 = A (Excellent)	74-77 = C
91-93 = A- (Above Average)	71-73 = C-
88-90 = B+ (Good)	68-70 = D+
84-87 = B (Average)	64-67 = D
81-83 = B- (Acceptable)	60-63 = D- (Needs improvement)
	59 and below = F

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week	Chapters	Page Range	# Pages	Due Date
Week 1	1-5	1-49	49	12/23/22
Week 2	6-9	50-99	49	12/30/22
Week 3	10-14	100-148	48	1/6/23
Week 4	15-20	149-195	46	1/13/23
Week 5	21-26	197-250	53	1/20/23
Week 6	27-33	251-299	48	1/27/23
Week 7	34-40	300-354	54	2/3/23
Week 8	41-47	355-403	48	2/10/22

Total 395 pages

READING REACTIONS

Answer the following questions each week and submit your writing to the instructor through email on or before midnight of the last day of the week.

Week 1 (Due 12/23)

1. What are the names of God in the Bible and how significant they are (P.24-25)
2. Briefly explain six of the non-Christian worldviews (P. 32-40)

Week 2 (Due 12/30)

1. Explain the process by which a book was being canonized into the Old and New Testaments (P. 59-61).
2. How do you explain the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible? (P. 62-70)

Week 3 (Due 1/6/2023)

1. How certain are we about creation? (P. 111-118)
2. Who are angels? (P. 133-143)

Week 4 (Due 1/13/2023)

1. How do you answer the question "Who is man"? (P. 151-157)
2. How do you explain the depravity of man? (P. 191-195).

Week 5 (Due 1/20/2023)

1. How do you explain the two natures of Jesus: humanity and divinity? (P. 219-228)
2. How do you prove the resurrection of Jesus? (P. 243-250)

Week 6 (Due 1/27/2023)

1. Who is the Holy Spirit and what are His functions? (P. 151-156)
2. Explain the terms "justification" and "regeneration" and how they are related (P. 275-281)

Week 7 (Due 2/2/2023)

1. What is sanctification and how is it different from justification? (P. 287-293).
2. What is the theological truth on "perseverance"? (294-299).

Week 8 (Due 2/10/2023)

1. What is the church? (P. 309-314)
2. What is the mission of the church? (330-334)

READING REPORT

At the bottom of the reaction paper, remember to report the completion of the reading. Example:

1. Assigned pages: 1-49
2. Finished reading pages: 1-35 (71%)

ZOOM MEETING

1. Sunday, December 18th 7-9 PM (Central Time – Chicago)
2. Sunday, January 15th 7-9 PM (Central Time)
3. Sunday, February 5th 7-9 PM (Central Time)