

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Professor contact information is located on the course site in Canvas.

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to theology to provide students with a starting point and system for discovering and discerning theology. Students will learn a rationale for developing theologically, skills for articulating doctrine, and a framework for systematic theology. Students will choose an area of interest in theology and go through the process in order to learn about sources, practice the skills, and intentionally deepen their understanding of God and His ways with humankind.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- A. Describe the nature, necessity, means and goals of Christian theology.
- B. Follow a systematic procedure for investigation and application of theological issues.
- C. Articulate an organized framework for theological truth that is faithful to biblical organization.
- D. Explain the biblical teaching of the nature of God, the universe, humanity, and God's revelation to humanity.
- E. Explain the nature of Jesus and His work, Christian salvation and life, the Holy Spirit, the mission of the church, and the final consummation of God's work in this world.

## **COURSE MATERIALS**

Grudem, W. (1999). [Bible doctrine: Essential teachings of the Christian faith. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN: 978-0310222330](#)

Jamieson, R. (2013). [Sound doctrine. Wheaton: Crossway. ISBN: 978-1433535895](#)

Kapic, K.M. (2012). [A little book for new theologians. Downers Grove: InterVarsity. ISBN: 978-0830839759](#)

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Week Assigned</b>
Devotions (5)	10/50	5%	Weekly
Discussions (7)	40/280	28%	Weekly
Journals (2)	40/80	8%	1
Presentations (2)	65/130	13%	4, 5
Exercises (4)	40/160	16%	2, 3
Process Manual (1)	75/75	7.5%	2
Paper (3)	75/225	22.5%	3, 4, 5
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING SCALE:**

<b>Means of Assessment and Due Dates</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Points</b>
Devotions (5)	Wednesday; Weekly	50 pts
Discussions (7)	Wednesday for initial post, Saturday for responses; Weekly	280 pts
Journals (2)	Saturday; Week 1	80 pts
Presentations (2)	Saturday; Weeks 4, 5	130 pts
Exercises (4)	Saturday; Weeks 2, 3	160 pts
Process Manual (1)	Saturday; Week 2	75 pts
Paper (3)	Saturday; Weeks 3, 4, 5	225 pts
	<b>Course Total</b>	<b>1000 pts</b>

*Add 10 pts extra credit for students who complete the end of course survey.*

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Percentile</b>
A	949-1000	95-100%
A-	919-948	92-94%
B+	889-918	89-91%
B	859-888	86-88%
B-	829-858	83-85%
C+	799-828	80-82%
C	769-798	77-79%
C-	739-768	74-76%
D+	709-738	71-73%
D	679-708	68-70%
D-	649-678	65-67%
F	0-648	64% and below

## **ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER (ASC)**

The ASC provides accommodations for students with disabilities (physical, psychological, learning & ADD). Requests may be made throughout the semester, and they will be kept confidential. (803-807-5611, [academicsuccess@ciu.edu](mailto:academicsuccess@ciu.edu)). Students already receiving services through the ASC should contact the professor so that together they can make the student's academic experience in this class as successful as possible.

## **FORM AND STYLE**

The official guide for all written work in connection with this course is the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the APA manual.

## **PLAGIARISM**

CIU Online Studies expects you to be honorable in your studies and responsible for your own academic work. Dishonesty in assignments, examinations, written papers, or other work is contrary to scriptural principles of Christian living and an affront to fellow students and your instructors. Plagiarism occurs when you present another person's ideas or words as your own, or when you intentionally or unintentionally fail to acknowledge or cite the source of the ideas you use.

Acknowledging and citing sources involves placing quotation marks around all the material you have taken (or paraphrased) from books, articles, internet sites, other students' papers, or other work you have not personally produced. It also involves listing full information about that source in a footnote or a parenthetical reference. Specific examples of plagiarism include but are not limited to the following:

1. Borrowing the words, sentences, ideas, conclusions, examples and/or organization of an assignment from a source (e.g., a book, an article, another student's paper, a tape/video, an internet site) without acknowledging the source.
2. Submitting work done by another student—in part or in whole—in place of original work.
3. Submitting assignments received from the Internet, from commercial firms or from any other person or group.
4. Knowingly aiding another student in plagiarizing an assignment as defined above.

You may not submit work that is part of a group consultation unless it is related to an assignment your syllabus specifically indicates is to be completed as part of a group. If you study for an exam with a review group, you may not reproduce any answers that others have written and submit it as your own work. You may not share with others answers to exam questions you have composed in advance. Any of these actions will be considered plagiarism.

Plagiarism will result in academic penalty, and may result in failure in the assignment, failure in the course, and further disciplinary action.

**LATE WORK**

Late assignments should be avoided. All assignments that are late will be marked down 10% per day they are late, starting one minute after midnight the day they are due for five successive days and will earn a zero thereafter.

**SYLLABUS**

The content of this syllabus is subject to change and modifications when deemed necessary.