

FALL 2021 - BABS**TH 2301 Introduction to Theology T & TH 9:00-10:20AM**

Students will receive an understanding of what theology is in its wider context, the Wesleyan Trilateral and the major specific Protestant Christian creeds and notions that have shaped the faith. Three term hours.

Texts: *How to Think Theologically* 3rd Edition by Howard W. Stone (Author), James O. Duke (Author), Fortress Press (March 1, 2013)

BW-2341 Survey of the Old Testament I T & TH 10:30-11:50AM

The primary purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the content of the major writings of the First Testament and to develop their competence in the critical analysis and interpretation of the texts. Three term hours.

Texts: *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures* 4th Edition by Michael D. Coogan (Author), Cynthia R. Chapman (Author), Oxford University Press; 4 edition (July 3, 2017).

BW-2343 Survey of the Old Testament III T & TH 5:00-6:20PM

Utilizing the book of Job as a benchmark, students will explore the ethical question found prevalently in the Old Testament: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Students will relate the Job narrative to Israel's trajectory as a religious community of God-believers and make distinctions of faith and fellowship as it relates to ethical conduct in human struggle. Three term hours. 26

Texts: *On Job (God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent)* by Gustavo Gutierrez (Author), Matthew O'Connell (Translator), Orbis Books (July 1, 1987).

HT-2333 Christian Doctrine III T & TH 6:30-7:50PM

A continuation of the study of the basic doctrines and theologies that have shaped the Christian tradition. The first part of the course will start with a summary of the Reformation era and its impact on the Modern and Post-Modern eras. Three term hours. 27 Texts: *Christian Theology Reader: An Introduction*, by Alister E. McGrath, Wiley-Blackwell; (2017); *The Christian Theology Reader* 5th Edition, by Alister E. McGrath, Wiley-Blackwell (2016)

CH-1AA African American Church History Friday 5:00-7:50pm

The primary purpose of this course is to provide students with the rudimentary tools necessary for a critical investigation of the role religion has played in the history of the African America Experience. The intent of the course is to expose students to events, persons, and literary works related to the AfricanAmerican Religious Experience.

Texts and Resources: Coogan, Michael David. *The new Oxford annotated Bible with the Apocrypha/ Deuterocanonical Books*. 5th Edition. Oxford University Press, 2001. Lincoln, C. Eric and Lawrence H. Mamiya, *The Black Church in the African-American Experience*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1990. Welchel, Jr, L. H. *The History and Heritage of African-American Churches: A Way Out of No Way*. St. Paul: Paragon House, 2011. Cone, James H. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2015.

FALL 2021: MDIV**BS 7 Biblical Criticism: T & TH 9:00-10:20AM**

A general overview of the various scholarly tools for biblical exegesis, to be put into practice with well-known and difficult texts. Three term hours.

Texts: *Handbook of Biblical Criticism, Fourth Edition* by Richard N. Soulen (Author), R. Kendall Soulen (Author), Westminster John Knox Press; 4th ed. edition (November 23, 2011); *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers* by Michael J. Gorman, Baker Academic; Revised, Expanded edition (September 1, 2010).

PM 1 Hermeneutics: T & TH 10:30-11:50AM

Students will receive a general understanding of a variety of viewpoints from which to view the biblical text based on social, geographical, historical, cultural and theological locations. The core of the course will move students towards understanding their own lens of the Bible and to identify the experiences that have shaped it. Three term hours

Texts: True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary Fortress Press; (June 1, 2007), The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora Fortress Press (November 1, 2009); Stony the Road We Trod: African American Biblical Interpretation by Cain Hope Felder Fortress Press; (June 1, 1991).

TH 1 Introduction to Christian Theology 1: T & TH 5:00-6:20PM

The life and thought of the Christian church from the Reformation to the present year. The course will focus on the persons, issues, and events that engage the Christian church from the Reformation to the present. Three term hours.

Texts: Christian Theology: An Introduction, 6th edition by Alister E. McGrath Wiley-Blackwell; (September 26, 2016).

BS 1 Old Testament: T & TH 6:30-7:50PM

The study of the Old Testament based on modern biblical criticism of texts representative of the Pentateuch and Former Prophets with attention to historical, literary, and theological problems, and to exegetical method. The primary purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the content of these biblical writings and to develop their competence in the critical analysis and interpretation of the texts. Three term hours.

Texts: The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, 4th Edition by Michael D. Coogan (Author), Cynthia R. Chapman (Author), Oxford University Press; (July 3, 2017).

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BW-2342 Survey of the Old Testament II T & TH 9:00-10:20AM

The primary purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the content of the writings regarding the Torah and the History texts to develop their competence in the critical analysis and interpretation of the texts. Three term hours.

Texts: The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures 4th Edition by Michael D. Coogan (Author), Cynthia R. Chapman (Author), Oxford University Press; 4 edition (July 3, 2017).

BW-2352 Survey of the New Testament II T & TH 10:30-11:50AM

The primary purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the content of the birth of the Church from the Acts of the Apostles, Romans and other Pauline Letters. Three term hours.

Texts: The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings 6th Edition by Bart D. Ehrman, Oxford University Press; (June 26, 2015).

BW-2343 Survey of the Old Testament III T & TH 5:00-6:20PM

Utilizing the book of Job as a benchmark, students will explore the ethical question found prevalently in the Old Testament: "why do bad things happen to good people?" Students will relate the Job narrative to Israel's trajectory as a religious community of God-believers and make distinctions of faith and fellowship as it relates to ethical conduct in human struggle. Three term hours.

Texts: On Job (God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent) by Gustavo Gutierrez (Author), Matthew O'Connell (Translator), Orbis Books (July 1, 1987)

BW-2353 Survey of the New Testament III T & TH 6:30-7:50PM

Students will put into context the Gospel and Pauline account of the Jesus movement and its impact on the governance of oppressed people of their time, as well as how these occurrences can *apply in post-modernity and the rise of populism*.

Texts: The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted by Obery Hendricks (August 21, 2007).

TH 2332 Christian Ethics Friday 5:00-7:50PM

An introduction to ethical inquiry from a Christian point of view through a comparison of liberal, neo-orthodox,

postmodern, liberation, and other theologies, exploring their implications for the present as well as the question of their social and historical locations. Three term hours.

Texts: Ethics (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol. 6) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Author), Clifford J. Green (Editor)

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TH 2 Introduction to Christian Theology 2 T & TH 9:00-10:20AM

A continuation of the study of the basic doctrines and theologies that have shaped the Christian tradition. The second part of the course will start with the Reformation, Catholic and Protestant, and will conclude with certain nineteenth-century developments. Three term hours.

Texts: Christian Theology: An Introduction, 6th edition by Alister E. McGrath Wiley-Blackwell; (September 26, 2016).

CH 7 A.M.E. Polity T & TH 10:30-11:50AM

The organization and function of decision making and acceptable conduct in the African Methodist Episcopal Church from a historical perspective and in present day practice. Three term hours.

Texts: Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (current), African Methodist Episcopal Church Polity by Harold I. Bearden, The Genius and Theory of Methodist Polity by Henry McNeal Turner.

BS 3 New Testament I T & TH 5:00-6:20PM

A historical and theological introduction to the New Testament with texts and issues representative of the Gospels and Acts with attention to historical, literary, and theological problems, and to exegetical method. The primary purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the content of these biblical writings and to develop their competence in the critical analysis and interpretation of the texts. Three term hours.

Texts: An Introduction to the New Testament: History, Literature, Theology by M. Eugene Boring, Westminster John Knox Press; (October 13, 2012); The New Interpreter's Bible: New Testament Survey, by Fred Craddock and Eugene Boring, (April 1, 2006).

CH 1 Church History I T & TH 6:30-7:50PM

The life and thought of the Christian church from the apostolic period to the Reformation. The course will focus on the persons, issues, and events that have shaped the central tradition of the church from the apostolic period to the Reformation. Three term hours.

Texts: The Story of Christianity: The Early Church through the Dawn of the Reformation, Vol. 1, Harper One, Gonzalez, Justo (2010).