

KOCW Content Development Application

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Content	Subject	Introduction to Theology		
	Credit	1		
	Field	Liberal Arts (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Social Science (<input type="checkbox"/>) Engineering (<input type="checkbox"/>) Natural Science (<input type="checkbox"/>) Education (<input type="checkbox"/>) Medicine or Pharmaceutical Study (<input type="checkbox"/>) PE or Art (<input type="checkbox"/>)		
	Outline of the Class	Introduction to theology is a basic introductory course that focuses on introducing the student to the core or foundational teachings of Christian Theology. This course will discuss theological themes ranging from Old Testament and New Testament themes. Students will gain a basic understanding and knowledge of what is theology. Through reading various articles on each of the key aspects, students will be able to gain a general overview or general framework from which to understand Christian theology. This course will focus on developing students writing skills through reading various articles, summarizing key points, sharing their opinions on various theological/Biblical themes.		
	Weeks	Online and/or video teaching sessions with accompanying PDF worksheets to enhance learning over a 10-week period. If offered as an elective, it can be done via classes (10).		

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1. Course Information

Course Name	Introduction to Theology		
Semester	Fall/Spring	Course Type	· Major Course () · Liberal Art Course 

A. Course Introduction And Learning Objectives

Course Description:

- Introduction to Theology introduces the subject of what is theology, from a Biblical framework.
- It will provide student with a basic overview of theology and the core teachings of the Bible.
- Students will engage with content by exploring questions such as what is theology?; Why is the study of theology important?; Establishing a definition of theology and looking briefly at approaches to theology.
- Students will gain a brief overview of patristic and contemporary views of theology.
- Students will also engage with a brief survey of the Old & New Testaments.
- This is an integrated basic course that develops student's receptive skills (reading and listening) and productive skills (writing and speaking), reviews basic knowledge and use of grammar and vocabulary, and encourages independent learning and critical thinking.
- Classroom learning is reinforced with a variety of Multimedia programs, self-assessment, communicative activities and on-line activities.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, you will be able to do:

- Understand theology as a discipline.
- Identify and explain patristic views of theology.
- Identify and explain contemporary views of theology.
- Identify key Old Testament themes.
- Identify key New Testament themes.
- Identify key elements of Christianity as a religion.

- Students will be introduced to a survey or general view of books of the New Testament.
- This course will define and discuss the concepts of Biblical worldviews.
- Develop the vocabulary, grammar, speaking, writing and listening skills necessary to communicate effectively in one-on-one, small group, and classroom settings.

Teaching Strategies:

- Video, and PPT presentations
- Learn to develop and apply communicative strengths and areas of improvement.

2. Weekly Course Subject & Learning Objectives

Week	Content (Topic)	Learning Objective	How to Operate		
			Methodology	Material	Reference
1	Introduction & orientation to Theology	What is theology? Defining theology. Theology as a discipline.	Review and discuss definitions of theology. Discuss the key approaches to understanding theology as a discipline.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Source:</u> 1) Grudem, Wayne. Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994. 2) Erickson, Millard. Christian Theology. Grand Rapid, MI: Baker, 1995.
2	Introduction to the discipline of Theology.	Sub disciplines within Theology. Perspective of theology in general. The role of theology.	Students will be introduced to key sub disciplines within Theology. Students will develop a broader perspective of theology in general and learn about the role of theology.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Source:</u> 1) Grudem, Wayne. Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994. 2) Erickson, Millard. Christian Theology. Grand Rapid, MI: Baker, 1995.
3	Introduction to Patristic Theology (early views of theology)	A discussion of the Patristic views in theology (early church history views)	Students will be introduced to the subject of Patristic Theology. Students will develop a key understanding of Patristic theology.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> Grenz, Stanley and Roger Olson. Who Needs Theology? Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1996; Migliore, Daniel L. Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1991.

4	Introduction to Contemporary views in Theology (19 th & 20 th Century)	A discussion of the Contemporary views in theology (19 th & 20 th century views)	Introduction to Contemporary views in Theology (Specifically the views of 19 th & 20 th century theology)	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> McGrath, Alister E. Christian Theology Reader. Second Edition. Oxford: Blackwell, 2001.
5	Survey of the Old Testament	Understanding the Old Testament (Part 1)	Students will be introduced to a brief survey of the Old Testament.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> https://gordonconwell.on.worldcat.org/oclc/927659631 https://gordonconwell.on.worldcat.org/oclc/727648621
6	Survey of the Old Testament	Understanding the Old Testament (Part 2).	Students will be introduced to a brief survey of the Old Testament.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> https://gordonconwell.on.worldcat.org/oclc/927659631 ; https://gordonconwell.on.worldcat.org/oclc/727648621
7	Survey of the New Testament	Structure of the New Testament (Part 1)	Students will be introduced to a brief survey of the New Testament.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> Gundry, Robert H. , A Survey of the New Testament, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI 49506,1970. Tenney, Merrill C., New

					Testament Survey, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503, 1968.
8	Survey of the New Testament	Survey of the New Testament (Part 2)	A brief survey of the New Testament books.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Sources:</u> Gundry, Robert H. , A Survey of the New Testament, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, 1970. Tenney, Merrill C., New Testament Survey, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503, 1968.
9	General Overview of Christianity as a religion (Part 1)	Understanding Christianity as a religion	Students will be introduced a general overview of Christianity as a religion.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents.	Materials will be drawn from online resources. <u>Source:</u> https://www.britannica.com/topic/biblical-literature/Major-themes-and-characteristics
10	General Overview of Christianity as a religion (Part 2)	Understanding Christianity as a religion	Students will be introduced a general overview of Christianity as a religion.	Students will be provided with PDF readings, excerpts and WORD documents	Materials will be drawn from online resources.

3. Utilization Plan

This course can be done as an elective or used as an introductory course within a university setting. It can also be used by church organizations, theological seminaries to train students with these basic theological principles. Online and/or video teaching sessions with accompanying PDF worksheets to enhance learning over a 10-week period.

4. Expectation Effectiveness

This course will enable students to think and reflect on the subject of theology through the subject of what is theology, from a Biblical framework. It will provide student with a basic overview of theology and the core teachings of the Bible. Students will engage with content by exploring questions such as what is theology?; Why is the study of theology important?; Establishing a definition of theology and looking briefly at approaches to theology. Students will gain a brief overview of patristic and contemporary views of theology. Students will also engage with a brief survey of the Old & New Testaments. It is an integrated basic course that develops student's receptive skills (reading and listening) and productive skills (writing and speaking), reviews basic knowledge and use of grammar and vocabulary, and encourages independent learning and critical thinking. Classroom learning is reinforced with a variety of Multimedia programs, self-assessment, communicative activities and on-line activities. Students will learn strategies that will enable them to apply leadership principles to everyday situations. Students will develop the vocabulary, grammar, speaking, writing and listening skills necessary to communicate effectively.