



Theology 101 - Course Syllabus

Course Title: *Christian Theology I (3 Credits)*

Course Description: This course will cover 3 main topics in relation to Christian Theology: The Doctrine of the Word of God, The Doctrine of God, and The Doctrines of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Class time will consist of lectures and discussions on these various topics. Evaluation will be based on completion of the assigned reading material, chapter review questions, quizzes, a mid-term examination, a final examination, and a final project (6-8 page paper on aspects of a personal statement of faith).

Prerequisites: None

Instructors:

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Course Materials:

- Bible (unless otherwise specified, you may use the translation of your choice)
- *Systematic Theology, 2nd Edition (2020)*, Wayne Grudem, ISBN: 978-0-310-51797-9
- *Systematic Theology Workbook (2020)*, Wayne Grudem, Brianna Smith, Erik Thoennes, ISBN: 978-0-310-11407-9

Class Time: Class will meet once weekly on Thursdays from 3:30pm-6:30pm at The Centre at Lenawee Christian School in Adrian, MI. There will be no class on Thursday, November 26.

Assignments:

- **Written Assignments:** There will be weekly reading assignments and questions from the *Systematic Theology Workbook*.
- **Periodic Quizzes:** There will be quizzes at the beginning of the certain classes over the previous week's material. The quiz format may include short answer, definitions, fill in the blank, true/false, and/or matching.
- **Mid Term Exam:** The Mid Term Exam will take place at the beginning of class on **October 15th**. The exam covers the lecture material from Chapters 1-13 (though this is subject to change depending on how we are able to maintain the syllabus schedule). The exam may include short answer, definitions, fill in the blank, true/false, and/or matching.

- **Final Exam:** The Final Exam will take place at the beginning of class on **December 17th**. The final exam covers the lecture material after the midterm. The exam may include short answer, definitions, fill in the blank, true/false, and/or matching.
- **Final Assignment:** There will be a final assignment taking the three Theological Doctrines we have learned and incorporating those into your personal statement of faith. Detailed instructions for the final assignment will be given in class. This assignment is **due December 7th**.

Note: We will be covering the other basic doctrines in Christian Theology II. The final assignment in that class will be to complete your personal statement of faith.

- **Reading / Participation Assignment:** The final portion of your grade will be based on completion of the assigned reading and any discussion questions posted on Canvas. Regular attendance and participation in class time is expected for all. Students who miss a given class time are expected to watch the lecture recording. Students are also expected to communicate with the teaching staff if they will be absent. Each student will submit, at the midpoint and at the end of the semester, an attestation to their completion of the assigned readings.

Populi: Populi is an online course management system for college courses. It will be used in this course for online submission of assignments and for posting grades, announcements, and access to relevant course documents.

Assessment: Assignments will have the following grade weights:

Assignment	Grade Weight	Notes
Reading Log and Canvas Discussion Responses	10%	Complete Reading Log. Due at Mid-Term and Final. Possible Periodic Canvas discussions based on weekly material.
Chapter Review Questions and Periodic Quizzes	15%	Chapter Review Questions to be completed Weekly. Periodic Quizzes at the beginning of Class
Mid-Term Examination	25%	October 15 th
Final Examination	25%	December 17 th
Final Project	25%	Due December 10 th

Grading Scale:

Grade Range

A+	98–100%
A	92–97%
A-	90–91%
B+	88–89%
B	82–87%
B-	80–81%
C+	78–79%
C	72–77%
C-	70–71%
D+	68–69%
D	62–67%
D-	60–61%
F	0–59%

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic	Study Material	Assignments Due
Week 1 9/3/26	- Chp. 1 Introduction to Systematic Theology - Chp. 2 The Word of God	- Read Chapters 1-4 in <i>Systematic Theology</i>	
Week 2 9/10/26	- Chp. 3 Canon of Scripture - Chp. 4 The Characteristics of Scripture: Authority	- Read Chapters 5-6 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>Systematic Theology Workbook</i> Chp. 1, 2
Week 3 9/17/26	- QUIZ #1 - Chp. 5 Inerrancy - Chp. 6 Clarity of Scripture	- Read Chapters 7-8 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 3, 4
Week 4 9/24/26	- Chp. 7 Necessity - Chp. 8 Sufficiency Catch up Time and Review of The Doctrine of the Word	- Read Chapters 9-11 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 5, 6
Week 5 10/1/26	- QUIZ #2 - Chp. 9 Existence of God - Chp. 10 Knowability of God - Chp. 11 Character of God: Incommunicable Attributes	- Read Chapters 12-13 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 7, 8
Week 6 10/8/26	- Chp. 12 Character of God: Communicable Attributes - Chp. 13 Communicable Attributes, Part 2	- Read Chapter 14 in <i>ST</i> - <i>Study for Mid Term Exam</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 9, 10, 11
Week 7 10/15/26	- Mid Term Exam - Chp. 14 The Trinity	- Read Chapter 15-16 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 12, 13 - Log & Workbooks Due
Week 8 10/22/26	- Chp. 15 Creation - Chp. 16 God's Providence	- Read Chapters 17-18 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 14
Week 9 10/29/26	- QUIZ #3 - Chp. 17 Miracles - Chp. 18 Prayer	- Read Chapters 19-20 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 15-16
Week 10 11/5/26	- Chp. 19 Angels - Chp. 20 Satan and Demons Catch up Time and Review of the Doctrine of God	- Read Chapters 26-27 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 17, 18
Week 11 11/12/26	- Chp. 26 Person of Christ - Chp. 27 The Atonement	- Read Chapters 28-29 in <i>ST</i> -	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 19, 20
Week 12 11/19/26	- QUIZ #4 - Chp. 28 Resurrection and Ascension of Christ - Chp. 29 Offices of Christ	- Read Chapter 30 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 26-27
Week 13 11/26/26	- No Class	- Thanksgiving Holiday	
Week 14 12/3/26	- Chp. 30 The Work of the Holy Spirit	- Complete Final Project	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 28-29

Week 15 12/10/26	- Semester Review	- <i>Study for Final Exam</i>	- STW Chp. 30 - Final Project Due
Week 16 12/17/26	- Final Exam		- Reading + WB Due

Late Policy:

Assignments are expected to be submitted prior to the beginning of class on the due date. Extensions are possible but are usually granted only in the case of extraordinary circumstances that outside of the student's control.

Assignments may be submitted late but a late penalty will be assessed after the due date. The standard late penalty is a 20% reduction in grade for the assignment. This late penalty policy allows for circumstances that are unique or difficult but not extraordinary. Any student who abuses this policy may have this policy revoked which will result in a zero grade.

Appendix 1: How to Log In to Populi for the First Time

This course uses Populi, Anchor Bible College's student information system and online classroom. Your Populi account is created for you once you have been approved for the class, so there is nothing for you to sign up for. Please perform the following steps to activate your account:

- Check your email for a welcome message from notifications@populi.co with the subject line "Welcome to Populi." It is sent to the personal email address you registered with.
- The email contains your username, which the college has already set for you. Usernames follow the format firstname.lastname (for example, jayden.spring).
- Click the link in the email to set your password. This link expires thirty days after the email is sent, so log in as soon as you receive it even if class has not yet started.
- Populi will first ask for a mobile phone number so the college can send you text notifications. You may skip this step. If you enter a number, Populi will text you a verification code to confirm it.
- Set your password. It must be at least ten characters long and contain at least one capital letter and one number. Populi will not accept a password that has appeared in a known data breach.
- Check the box to accept the Acceptable Use Policy, then click "Save Password and Log In."

Your account should be all set. To log in to Populi in the future, go to the following URL:

<https://anchor.populiweb.com>

Use your username and password to log in. Then click on your course.

Anchor Bible College does not require students to use an authenticator app, so your username and password are all you need. Populi will log you out after one hour of inactivity; when you log back in, it returns you to where you were working.

Populi publishes its own help articles for students:

Logging in for the first time

<https://support.populiweb.com/hc/en-us/articles/223791887-Your-Populi-account-login-everything-you-need-to-know>

Assignments, lessons, discussions, and tests

<https://support.populiweb.com/hc/en-us/sections/360006197054-Your-courses>

If you have trouble logging in or reaching your course, contact Jayden Spring, Administrative Specialist. Call or text 517-320-2659, or email jayden.spring@anchorbiblecollege.org.

Appendix 2: How to submit assignments in Populi

From your Populi Home page, click your course and navigate to the Assignments tab. Select the specific assignment from the list of assignments. Follow the instructions for the different cases of typed and handwritten submissions.

For typed documents:

- Click the name of the assignment to open its page
- Click the upload area in the main part of the screen
- Navigate to the proper file and select it
- You may add any number of files by uploading them the same way
- You may also attach a file, along with any comments or questions for your instructor, in the feedback section on the right side of the page

For handwritten documents:

You may use a scanner, scanner app, or simply take photos of your work and submit the files by following the same steps outlined for typed documents.

Please note, you may replace your submission as many times as you would like prior to the assignment deadline by deleting the uploaded file and uploading a new one. Once your instructor has viewed or graded your submission, the file can no longer be deleted, so be sure the version you upload is the one you want graded.

Appendix 3: Academic Integrity

Students are expected to hold themselves to a Christian standard of ethics in all matters. This includes but is not limited to, refraining from any forms of plagiarism, cheating, sharing, or acquiring any materials that would give a student an unfair advantage, or any dishonest representation of one's work. Below are outlined the consequences for an infringement of academic integrity for a given assignment:

- **First offense** – A grade of zero is given for the assignment; the professor must notify the Registrar and Dean of Students. A statement goes into the student's file.
- **Second offense** – A grade of F is assigned for the course; the professor must notify the Registrar and Dean of Students. A statement goes into the student's file. The Dean of Students and/or Registrar will notify faculty of students who incur a second offense in this area.
- **Third offense** – The professor must notify the Registrar and Dean of Students. A statement goes into the student's file and the student may be suspended or dismissed from this institution.

Appendix 4: Policy on Use of Generative Language Models for Written Assignments

The use of generative language models, such as ChatGPT, is not strictly prohibited and in some cases is very much encouraged as a research and brainstorming tool. However, all written assignments submitted as your own work should reflect your own personal writing. This prohibits copy and paste use of such tools, however, you may feel free to quote such tools provided that you make clear it is a quotation.

In general, you should treat generative language models as equivalent to speaking to another person. You may gain insight from them and be able to improve your value and productivity, but you should not misrepresent someone else's work as your own. These tools may also be treated somewhat like calculators in a math class. You may use them when appropriate and assignments may even assume their use in some ways, but all submitted work must be your own unless specified otherwise.