



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, four 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

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Course Materials:

- Bible (ESV, NIV, HCSB, CSB, NAS, NET, NKJV or KJV)
- *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 a week on Sundays from 4pm-7pm. Class will take place in Room 105 at Hope Community Church, located at 2100 Ellsworth Rd., Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. Class time will be divided according to the following schedule:

- Sundays:
 - Hymn / Housekeeping / Opening Prayer / Devotional (4:00 - 4:15)
 - Lecture (4:15 - 5:15)
 - Break (5:15 - 5:30)
 - Lecture (5:30 - 6:30)
 - Discussion and Prayer (6:30-7:00)

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 Examination:** The Mid Term Exam will take place at the beginning of class on **October 11th**. The exam covers the lecture material from Chapters 1-13 (assuming we maintain the syllabus schedule). The exam may include short answer, definitions, fill in the blank, true/false, and/or matching.
- **Final Examination:** The Final Exam will take place at the beginning of class on **December 6th**. 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 3 Theological Doctrines we have learned and incorporating those into your personal statement of faith. The statement of faith should be detailed with Scripture references; including a sufficient, well-reasoned explanation as to why those supporting references are valid.
The paper is to be 6-8 pages in length, using size 12 font and is **due December 6th**.
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 if there are any discussion questions posted on Populi. 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. Further details on how to set up a Populi account and access this course can be found in the appendix to this document.

Assessment: Assignments will have the following grade weights:

Assignment	Grade Weight	Notes
Reading Log and Populi Discussion Responses	10%	Complete Reading Log. Due at Mid-Term and Final.
Chapter Review Questions	10%	Chapter Review Questions to be completed Weekly. Due at the Mid-Term and Final.
Quizzes	5%	Periodic Quizzes (4 Total) at the beginning of class over previous weeks material
Mid-Term Examination	25%	October 11 th
Final Examination	25%	December 6 th
Final Project	25%	Due December 6 th

We will use the following thresholds to convert raw scores in the course into letter grades:

- A+: $\geq 98\%$
- A: $\geq 92\%$
- A-: $\geq 90\%$
- B+: $\geq 88\%$
- B: $\geq 82\%$
- B-: $\geq 80\%$
- C+: $\geq 78\%$
- C: $\geq 72\%$
- C-: $\geq 70\%$
- D+: $\geq 68\%$
- D: $\geq 62\%$
- D-: $\geq 60\%$
- F: $< 60\%$

Depending on the distribution of raw scores at the end of the semester, these thresholds may change; however the final thresholds will be no stricter than the current thresholds. For example, if you receive a raw score of 85% in the course, you will be guaranteed a letter grade of at least B; however, it may happen that you receive a higher letter grade depending on the overall distribution of raw scores.

Class Schedule:

Date	Topic	Study Material	Assignments Due
08/30/26	- Chp. 1 Introduction to Systematic Theology - Chp. 2 The Word of God	- Read Chapters 1-4 in <i>Systematic Theology</i>	
09/06/26	- 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
09/13/26	- QUIZ #1 - Chp. 5 Inerrancy - Chp. 6 Clarity of Scripture	- Read Chapters 7-8 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 3, 4
09/20/26	- 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
09/27/26 #5	- 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
10/04/26	- 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
10/11/26	- Mid Term Examination - Chp. 14 The Trinity	- Read Chapter 15-16 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 12, 13 - Log & Workbooks Due
10/18/26	- Chp. 15 Creation - Chp. 16 God's Providence	- Read Chapters 17-18 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 14
10/25/26	- Chp. 17 Miracles - Chp. 18 Prayer	- Read Chapters 19-20 in <i>ST</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 15-16
11/01/26 #10	- QUIZ #3 - 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
11/08/26	- Chp. 26 Person of Christ - Chp. 27 The Atonement	- Read Chapters 28-29 in <i>ST</i> -	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 19, 20
11/15/26	- 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
11/22/26	- QUIZ #4 - Chp. 30 The Work of the Holy Spirit - Semester Review		- <i>STW</i> Chp. 28-29
11/29/26	- No Class	- Thanksgiving Holiday	- Go Lions!
12/06/26 #14	- Final Examination	- Complete Final Project - <i>Study for Final Exam</i>	- <i>STW</i> Chp. 30 - Final Project Due - Reading + WB Due

Late Policy:

Assignments are expected to be submitted prior to the due date. If there are extraordinary circumstances outside of the student's control, they may request an extension from the teaching staff.

Additionally, it is often the case that due to any number of other circumstances, a student finds that they are unable to adequately complete a given assignment. In such cases, the student is welcome to submit the assignment after the due date, up to the end of the semester; however, a late penalty will be given for such a late assignment. The standard late penalty is a 20% flat reduction in grade for the given assignment. This late penalty is meant to penalize late submissions and encourage timeliness, while still allowing the student to still finish the given assignment to the best of their ability even if they are unable to complete the assignment for some time due to any extended circumstances.

This late policy is subject to instructor discretion. The 20% late penalty policy is intended to allow for unique or difficult but not extraordinary circumstances. Any student who abuses this policy, per the instructor's discretion, is liable to have this policy revoked and the grade revert to either a zero or that based on any submission prior to the due date.

Appendix: How to Log in to Populi for the First Time

This course uses Populi, Anchor Bible College's student information and learning management system. Your Populi account is created for you when you matriculate at Anchor, so there is nothing additional for you to sign up for; however, you do need to 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. If your link is expired, check with an Anchor staff member and they should be able to help generate a new link.
- 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.

Populi publishes its own help articles for students, including the following:

- 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: How to submit assignments in Populi

From your Populi Home page, click on 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 often as you like before the assignment deadline, provided your instructor has not yet viewed or graded it. To replace a submission, delete the uploaded file and upload the corrected version. Once your instructor has viewed or graded your submission, the original file can no longer be deleted. You may still be able to upload a revised version, but you should clearly identify it and notify your instructor.

Appendix: 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: 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.*