COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A systematic study of the major themes of Christian theology. TH 6701 is not a pre-requisite for TH 6702.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of this course are:

**Cognitive objectives:**
1. To teach the student basic theological truths.
2. To acquaint the student with selected aspects of the literature, thought, philosophies, and movements within systematic theology.
3. To examine various, selected theological positions in detail.

**Affective objectives:**
1. To reinforce the values and doctrines of historic orthodox Christianity
2. To create appreciation for the study of theology
3. To shape the attitudes of the student towards major Christian beliefs.

**Behavioral objectives:**
1. To prepare the student to teach others theological truths.
2. To offer guidance in preparing printed lesson materials for use in the churches.
3. To lead the student to acquire skills in assessing theological materials.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS**


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Three Sectional Exams: Exam 1 [20% of the Grade] Exam 2 [20% of the Grade] Exam 3 [20% of the Grade]

2. Reading Assignments [15% of the Grade]: Students are responsible to maintain and follow the reading checklist. At the end of the semester, you will submit a signed statement (included in this syllabus) as to the percentage of the reading you completed. The total reading requirement is **1139 pages**.

3. Each student will write a 12-15 page theological research paper. Select a subject from the approved list [25% of the Grade]. The paper should be written in Turabian style, with Title page, Table of Contents, and bibliography. The content is to be double spaced using Times New Roman 12 point font, and thoroughly footnoted using no less than 10 sources in addition to the Bible.

4. Attendance & Participation: The course is arranged by weeks. Each week is designed to contain the same amount of work as three on campus class periods, plus homework. Students must log in at least three days each week and must access all resources, assignments, exams, etc. The professor is able to check on the dates, times and duration of student logs. If a student does not log in at least three days a week or if the student does not access data, an absence will be recorded for each day missed. The same attendance requirement as regular classes will be in effect for online classes.
LATE WORK

Work turned in late will incur a deduction of two points for each day late. The student is responsible to get late papers to his or her instructor. No papers are accepted after the last day of class without prior permission from the professor. Note: Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 AM (CST) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 PM (CST).

CLASS CONDUCT

Each week you will participate in one or more Interactive Forums. Please respect one another, flavoring each of your posts with grace and Christian kindness. We want to grow and learn together. Humor and fun are encouraged, but sarcasm, derision, or personal insults will not be tolerated.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR

You may email the professor at any time: tchristian@mabtsne.edu. For personal contact, text or call Dr. Christian’s office: 518-355-4000, ext. 21, or cell: 518-428-2097. If you are ever on the Northeast Campus, you are invited to drop by Dr. Christian’s office for a brief visit.
GRADING SCALE

Grade point averages are determined on a 12-point grading system. The grade point value of each letter grade is:

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The 12-point grading scale allows a student to graduate possibly with a perfect 4.0 average. A grade point average of 2.0, however, will constitute the lowest passing average to graduate. Anything below 2.0 will be the basis for probation/suspension purposes.
COURSE SCHEDULE  
(Syllabus May Change at the Discretion of the Professor)

Week One  
The Atonement, Resurrection and Ascension  
January 19-25

1. Open and read the Syllabus. Plan your work for semester  
2. Be sure you have all required texts  
3. Begin reading assignments  
4. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes  
5. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Two  
The Offices of Christ; The Work of the Holy Spirit  
January 26-February 1

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes  
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Three  
Common Grace, Election and Reprobation  
February 2-8  
Secure a proctor for Exams. Email the proctor’s name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the Exam 1.

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes  
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Four  
The Gospel Call; Effective Calling; Regeneration  
February 9-15

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes  
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Five  
Conversion (Faith and Repentance) Justification  
February 16-22

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes  
2. Study Week 1-5 Lecture Notes  
3. Take Sectional Exam 1 with your Proctor  
4. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum
Week Six  Adoption, Sanctification, Baptism in and Filling with the Holy Spirit
February 23-March 1

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Seven  Perseverance of the Saints (Eternal Security) Death, the Intermediate State, Glorification
March 2-8

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Spring Break: No Classes
March 9-22

Week Eight  Union with Christ; Doctrine of the Church
March 23-29

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Nine  The Purity and Unity of the Church The Power of the Church Church Government
March 30-April 2

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Study weeks 6-9 Lectures and Notes
3. Take Sectional Exam 2 with your Proctor
4. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
April 5

Week Ten  Means of Grace within the Church Baptism
April 7-12

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum
Week Eleven  Lord’s Supper; Worship
April 13-19

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Twelve  Worship
Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1)
April 20-26

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Thirteen  Gifts of the Holy Spirit (2)
Return of Christ
April 27-May 3
If you use a different Proctor for the Final Exam, email the proctor’s name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the exam.

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Fourteen  The Millennium
May 4-10

1. Submit Research Paper
2. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
3. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Fifteen
May 11-17

1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Exam Week
May 19-20

FINAL EXAM
READING & ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST

Week One  Course Introduction
January 19-25

Read:
•  *Willing to Believe* (*WTB*), pages 13-68

Assignments:
1. Open and read the Syllabus. Plan your work for semester.
2. Be sure you have all required texts.
3. Begin reading assignments.
4. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
5. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Two
January 26-February 1

Read:  **Part 6: Sin**
•  *Christian Theology* (*CT*), pages 511-564
•  *WTB*, pages 69-102

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Three
February 2-8

*Secure a proctor for Exams. Email the proctor’s name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the Exam 1.*

Read:
•  *CT*, 565-600
•  *WTB*, 103-144

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Four
February 9-15

Read:  **Part 7: The Person of Christ**
•  *CT*, 601-642
•  *WTB*, 145-186

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Five
February 16-22

Read:
• *CT*, 643-692
• *WTB*, 187-204

Assignments:
1. *Study Weeks 1-5 Lecture Notes*
2. Take *Sectional Exam 1* with your Proctor
3. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
4. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Six
February 23-March 1

Read: *Part 8: The Work of Christ*
• *CT*, 693-730
• *The Other Side of Calvinism*, 405-432

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Seven
March 2-8

Read:
• *CT*, 731-768
• *The Other Side of Calvinism*, 432-473

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Spring Break: No Classes
March 9-22

Week Eight
March 23-29

*If you use a different Proctor for Sectional Exam 2, email the proctor’s name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu before the end of this week.*

Read: *Part 9: The Holy Spirit*
• *CT*, 769-822
• *Chosen But Free (CBF)*, 11-50

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

**Week Nine**
March 30-April 2

Read:
• *CBF*, 50-107

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum
3. *Review Weeks 6-9 Lecture Notes*
4. Take **Sectional Exam 2** with your Proctor

**Week Ten**
April 7-12

Read: **Part 10: Salvation**
• *CT*, 823-859
• *CBF*, 108-159

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

**Week Eleven**
April 13-19

Read:
• *CT*, 860-912
• *CBF*, 160-198

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

**Week Twelve**
April 20-26

Read:
• *CT*, 913-946
• *CBF*, 199-240
Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Thirteen
April 27-May 3
If you use a different Proctor for the Final Exam, email the proctor’s name and contact information to tchristian@mabtsne.edu at least one week prior to the exam.

Read: Part 11: The Church

- CT, 947-988
- CBF, 241-273

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Fourteen
May 4-10

Read:

- CT, 989-1030
- CBF, 274-295

Assignments:
1. Submit Research Paper
2. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
3. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum

Week Fifteen
May 11-17

Read:

- CT, 1030-1051
- CBF, 296-326

Assignments:
1. Study the Lectures and fill in the Lecture notes
2. Participate in the Student Interactive Forum
3. Study Weeks 10-15 Lectures and Lecture Notes for the Final Exam

Exam Week
May 10-20

FINAL EXAM
Student Signature ________________________________________________________

I read _____ % of the assigned reading.
BIBLIOGRAPHY

The books listed in this brief Bibliography are from a variety of perspectives. Inclusion does not represent an endorsement of the content of the book by the Professor.


Jesus, Name Above All Names: Revealing the Heart of Christianity. Wellington, South Africa: Lux Verbi.BM, 2004.


2 June 2015 Professor John Milbank (University of Nottingham) “Oikonomia leaves home: theology, politics & governance in the history of the west”.


30 September Professor Johannes Zachhuber (Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology, Fellow and Tutor in Theology, Trinity College, Oxford) “Theology in the Nineteenth Century Research University: A rationalisation of religion?”

14 October Pro...