



Department of Theological Studies

The purpose of the **Department of Theological Studies** is to equip godly servant-leaders for worldwide ministry by:

- passing on to students an understanding of the church's one true faith embraced within a distinctively dispensational, premillennial evangelicalism;
- encouraging students to think theologically as a response to Scripture, with a sensitivity to the history of theology, philosophy, and culture; and
- helping students gain perspectives essential to spiritual formation, global servant-leadership, and the evaluation of contemporary issues and trends.

Required Courses

The Department of Theological Studies offers a core curriculum common to the ThM and most of the MA programs. Those courses, ST5101 to ST5106, develop the biblical, philosophical, and historical rationale for vital doctrines, addressing the traditional subject areas of Prolegomena, Bibliology, the Doctrine of God, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Angelology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Sanctification, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. In addition to these courses in systematic theology, the ThM includes two courses in historical theology, HT5101 and HT5102, which survey the history of Christianity, particularly in the West, from the second century to the present.

Please consult the program curriculum charts in the Academic Programs section of this catalog for the specific courses required in each degree program.

HT5101 The Church to the Modern Era

The Department

A study of Christianity from the second century to the the modern era, with special emphasis on the institutional history of the church as well as theological developments in the church. 3 hours.

HT5102 The Church in the Modern Era: Europe and North America

The Department

A study of Christianity in Europe and North America since the rise of the Enlightenment, with emphasis on the numerous influences that have forged the current religious scene. 3 hours.

HT5200 History of Doctrine

Adair, Hannah, Svigel

A study of the historical development of selected doctrines, with attention to the development of each theological theme from the church fathers to the present day. 3 hours.

ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology

The Department

A study of prolegomena as the nature, method, and sources of theology; revelation, especially the inspiration, authority, sufficiency, inerrancy, and canonicity of the Bible; and theological hermeneutics, including an introduction to dispensationalism. This course is a prerequisite to all other Systematic Theology (ST) courses. 3 hours.

PROFESSORS

Michael J. Svigel

Department Chair, Professor (sabbatical 2020-21)

John D. Hannah

*Distinguished Professor of Historical Theology
Research Professor of Theological Studies*

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*Senior Professor of Systematic Theology
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Gerardo A. Alfaro

Professor

J. Scott Horrell

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Glenn R. Kreider

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Timothy S. Yoder

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John A. Adair

Assistant Professor

Daniel L. Hill

Assistant Professor

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Christopher A. Graham

Joseph W. Lee

Sadrac Meza

T. Maurice Pugh

INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROFESSORS

Daniel S. Steffen

ST5102 Trinitarianism

The Department

A study of the existence and attributes of the one God, the Holy Trinity; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Scripture and in Christian history; and the ramifications of Trinitarian belief today. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5103 Angelology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology

The Department

A study of angelology, the doctrines of the unfallen angels, the fallen angels, and Satan; anthropology, a study of the creation of humanity, the material and immaterial aspects of humanity, and the Fall of humanity; and original and personal sin. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5104 Soteriology

The Department

A study of the grace of God in salvation, including election, the ministry of the Savior in His humiliation and exaltation, the nature and extent of the Atonement, efficacious grace, justification, regeneration, the salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit (including Spirit baptism, indwelling, and sealing), and eternal security. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5105 Sanctification and Ecclesiology

The Department

A study of sanctification, the doctrine of the spiritual life, and ecclesiology, the doctrines of the body of Christ and the local church, including its organization, ministry, ordinances, government, and purpose. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5106 Eschatology

The Department

A study of eschatology, the doctrine of the consummation of God's plan of redemption, including major themes in eschatology and the order of predicted events. The course will include a review of the biblical creation and redemption narrative, with an opportunity for a synthetic capstone summary of Christian doctrine. *Pre- or Corequisites:* ST5101-5105. 3 hours.

Elective Courses

Historical Theology

ThM students in the Historical Theology concentration should consult the ThM Concentrations section of this catalog for course requirements. Keep in mind that elective course offerings for a given term are subject to change without advance notice.

HT5205 Seminar in the History of Exegesis

The Department

A study of the interpretation of biblical texts within selected periods of the church's history, with particular attention to the relationship of tradition and culture to exegetical methods. 3 hours.

HT5210 Life and Worship in the Early Church

The Department

A study of religious practices of early believers from the second century to the fall of the Roman Empire, focusing on the meaning and function of catechism, baptism, the Eucharist, prayer, Scripture reading, preaching, church government, and the church's role in society. 3 hours.

HT5215 The Theology of the Early Church

Svigil

A study of the development of Christian doctrine from the second to the fifth centuries. 3 hours.

HT5217 The Apostolic Fathers

Svigil

A study of the writings of the Apostolic Fathers in their historical contexts, with an emphasis on their importance to biblical, theological, and historical studies. 3 hours.

HT5218 Early Christian Literature

Adair

A study of the writings of early Christian apologists in their historical contexts, emphasizing both their importance to biblical, theological, and historical studies as well as their classic approaches to Christian cultural engagement. 3 hours.

HT5220 Augustine and Augustinian Theology

The Department

A study of the life, theology, and influence of Augustine of Hippo, with attention to Augustinian thought in the Middle Ages, the Reformation, and modern times. 3 hours.

HT5225 Seminar in the History and Theology of the Middle Ages

The Department

A study of the development of medieval thought in relation to political, social, and religious issues of the times, with particular attention to the biblical exegesis and theology of representative thinkers. 3 hours.

HT5230 Readings in John Calvin

The Department

A course on selected major writings of Protestant theologian John Calvin and their seminal influence on Reformed theology. 3 hours.

HT5235 Seminar in the History and Theology of the Reformation

The Department

A study of the development of Reformation thought in relation to the political, social, and religious issues of the times, with particular attention to the biblical exegesis and theology of representative reformers. 3 hours.

HT5240 Readings in John Owen

Hannah

A course on selected major writings of the Puritan John Owen, with emphasis on the doctrine of the spiritual life. 3 hours.

HT5245 Theology of Karl Barth

The Department

A study of the basic features of the theology of Karl Barth, with attention to the development of his thought and the continuing influence of his theology. 3 hours.

HT5250 History of Gospel Preaching in America

Hannah

A study of the history of the nature, theological content, and methodology of gospel preaching in America from Frelinghausen to the present day. 3 hours.

HT5255 History of the Charismatic Movements in America

Hannah

A historical and theological study of the origin, development, and current expressions of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movements. 3 hours.

HT5260 Readings in Jonathan Edwards

Hannah

A course on major writings of the American theologian Jonathan Edwards, emphasizing the doctrine of salvation. 3 hours.

Systematic Theology

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Systematics

ST5210 Issues in Trinitarianism

Burns, Horrell

A study of modern approaches to the Godhead, both biblical and extrabiblical, and their consequent implications for worship, theology, and praxis today. *Prerequisites:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology and ST5102 Trinitarianism. 3 hours.

ST5215 Issues in Soteriology and Sanctification

Kreider

A study of various approaches to and issues in soteriology and sanctification in biblical and historical perspectives. *Prerequisites:* ST5104 Soteriology, ST5105 Sanctification and Ecclesiology, and PM5101 Christian Life and Witness. 3 hours.

ST5220 Issues in Dispensational Theology

Burns, Kreider

A study of the development and distinctions of dispensational theology and its relationship to other systems. *Prerequisites:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology and ST5106 Eschatology. 3 hours.

ST5225 Issues in Ecclesiology

Kreider

A study of various approaches to and issues in ecclesiology from both biblical and historical perspectives, with application to contemporary worship, ministry, and practice. *Prerequisites:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology and ST5105 Sanctification and Ecclesiology. 3 hours.

ST5295 Systematic Theology Colloquium

The Department

A seminar for advanced students on the scope, structure, and issues of systematic theology, focusing on a published volume of systematic theology. *Prerequisites:* ST5101–ST5106. Required of students in the Systematic Theology concentration. 3 hours.

Biblical Theology

ST5305 Johannine Theology

Burns

A study of the contribution made to theology by the writings of the apostle John. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5310 Pauline Theology

Burns

A study of the theological contributions of Paul's writings and of the literature on Pauline theology. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5315 Theology of Hebrews

Burns

A study of the contribution made to theology by the Epistle to the Hebrews, with attention to its content, its use of the Old Testament in New Testament theology, and its relevance for ministry. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.





Comparative Theology

ST5405 Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Theologies

Burns

A study of the theologies of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, using representative systematic theology textbooks for consideration and comparison with evangelical theologies. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5410 Theology of Alternative Religious Movements

The Department

A study of the doctrinal emphases of significant cults and new religious movements with a comparison of their teachings with Scripture. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5415 Theology and World Religions

Horrell

A study of comparisons and contrasts between selected areas of Christian theology and contemporary world religious thought, with a view toward understanding other religions and effectively communicating the gospel. May also be credited in the Department of World Missions and Intercultural Studies. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5420 Global Christian Theology

Burns, Horrell

A study of emerging Christian theologies in global perspective with a view to understanding, evaluating, and constructively contributing to such theologies from a biblical-historical framework. This course, offered in consultation with the Department of World Missions and Intercultural Studies, may only be taken once as either ST5420 or WM5550. *Prerequisites:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology and WM5101 Introduction to World Missions. 3 hours.

Theology and Culture

ST5505 Theology and Society

Burns

A study of the theological implications of various social issues, including questions about the Christian's role in society, issues of church and state, and matters of social justice. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5515 Theology of Ethnic Concerns

Hill

A study of the emphases of theologies, such as black theology and feminist theology and trends like urbanization, in comparison with biblical and systematic doctrines and concerns such as family, community, and justice. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5520 Issues in Science and Theology

Burns

A study of the relationship between science and theology, focusing on current issues such as creation and evolution, age of the universe, environmentalism, biomedical technology, and relevant ethical issues. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5525 Theology and Popular Culture

Kreider

A study of various approaches to and issues in theological method, with emphasis on the role of culture and tradition in evangelical theology. May be credited in the Department of Media Arts and Worship. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5530 Theology and Science Fiction

Harris and Svigel

An examination of selected works of literature and film in the science-fiction genre, with an emphasis on their cultural and worldview contexts as well as their relationship to biblical, theological, and philosophical themes. May be credited in the Department of Media Arts and Worship. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5535 Introduction to Political Theology

Hill

An introduction to various approaches to political theology, with particular attention to the development of Augustinian, Thomistic, neo-Augustinian, and Anabaptist perspectives; views on the church's relationship and responsibility to the State; the role of faith in public life; and how religious convictions inform Christian approaches to public discourse. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

Apologetics and Philosophy

ST5600 Introduction to Logic

Yoder

An introductory study of the principles of correct reasoning that aims at developing critical-thinking skills. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of such skills to proper biblical exegesis and rigorous theological reflection. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5605 Apologetics

Yoder

A study of the defense of Christianity, with emphasis on the biblical and theological foundation, methodology, and contemporary challenges to the truth of Christianity. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5610 God and Evil

Yoder

An examination of objections to the Christian concept of God in view of the fact of evil and suffering. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5615 Ethics

Yoder

An introduction to moral theology, including its biblical and theological norms and their significance for Christians in the world. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5620 History of Philosophy

Yoder

A study of the history of philosophy, with attention to the antecedents of modern philosophy and the relationship of philosophy to Christian doctrine. Designed as a broad overview for those who have not had a course in the history of philosophy. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5625 Philosophy of Religion

Yoder

A survey of philosophical issues, including the problems of God, evil, religious language, and religious experience, as they relate to theological issues. *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

ST5630 Postmodernism

Yoder

A study of postmodernism in contemporary culture, with attention to its philosophical antecedents and development as well as its theological significance. The course addresses three questions: What is postmodernism? How did it arise? How does one think Christianly about postmodernism and respond biblically to it? *Prerequisite:* ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology. 3 hours.

Directed Studies

HT5901 Independent Study in Historical Theology

The Department

Independent research in some aspect of historical theology not specifically treated in other courses. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours in any one subject of study. Limited to advanced students and subject to consent of the professor. 1–4 hours.

HT5951 Field Study of Church History

The Department

A study tour of the major historical sites in selected areas of the British Isles and/or the European continent. 1 hour of credit is given for each week in the field, up to 3 hours. 1–3 hours.

ST5901 Independent Study in Systematic Theology

The Department

Independent research in some aspect of systematic theology not specifically treated in other courses. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours in any one subject of study. Limited to advanced students and subject to consent of the professor. 1–4 hours.

TS5901 Independent Study in Theological Studies

The Department

Independent research in some aspect of theological studies not specifically treated in other courses. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours in any one subject of study. Limited to advanced students and subject to consent of the professor. 1–4 hours.

TS5902 Theological Studies Thesis

The Department

Independent research and writing of a thesis on an approved topic under the supervision of two faculty advisors. Students will have one calendar year to complete the thesis. If the thesis is not completed by the end of a year, students will be registered in TS5903. Enrollment requires consent of the department. 2 or 3 hours.

TS5903 Theological Studies Thesis Continuation

The Department

The thesis continuation course is required of all students writing a thesis who are beyond one year in the thesis process. Thesis continuation is permitted for a maximum of one additional term (for a 2-hour thesis, including summer) or two additional terms (for a 3-hour thesis, including summer). 1 hour.

TS5905 Special Topics in Theological Studies

The Department

This course is designed for students who choose to participate in special conferences, training, or programs that are more formal in nature and require student participation other than a standard independent study. Approved special topics will provide expertise or training not specifically covered in the seminary curriculum. Credit is allowed proportionate to the required amount of work but is not to exceed 4 credit hours on any one topic. Enrollment requires consent of the department. 1–4 hours.

