CH9025W  Bonhoeffer’s Theology in Historical Context

Offered: 2017: Intensive – July / August
[Unit offered alternatively as CT9025W]

Beginning with his early philosophical theology and concluding with his radical prison writings, this unit will explore the dynamic interaction between Bonhoeffer’s leading theological ideas and his engagement with the changing religious, social and political context of Hitler’s Third Reich.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Articulate an holistic understanding of Bonhoeffer’s often controversial theology.
2. Outline the major influences upon Bonhoeffer’s theology.
3. Explain the relationship between Bonhoeffer’s theology and his ecclesial and political engagements.
4. Articulate an understanding of the mutual significance of systematic theology and church history, showing how this understanding is applicable to other cases in both disciplines.

Prerequisites: MDiv: 45 points in Foundational Studies

Class Time: 5 weekends (Friday evening, Saturday morning)

Assessment:
- One 1,500 word tutorial paper (25%)
- One 1,500 word book review (25%)
- One 3,000 word essay (50%)

Faculty: Keith Clements

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase