

CT8001W Beginning Theological Studies (CT8701W – Online)

Offered: 2018: Semester 2 (also available online Semester 2 – as CT8701W)

This unit provides an introduction to the themes, nature and scope of theological studies, enabling students to identify the skills necessary for reading, thinking, and writing during their study of theology.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Understand and begin to evaluate the origins and development of some key terms, fields, and themes in theological studies;
2. Identify a number of critical events and persons in the history of Christian thought;
3. Articulate some important influences in their own approach to theology;
4. Demonstrate the ability to use libraries and other resources for theological study;
5. Exhibit critical and self-directed learning in, and research for, postgraduate theological study.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment: One interactive journal (not fewer than 8 entries of approximately 200 words each)	25%
Two document studies (750 words each)	25%
One essay (3,000 words)	50%

Faculty: Jason Goroncy

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Barth, Karl. *Evangelical Theology: An Introduction*, trans. Grover Foley. London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1963.

Ford, David. *Theology: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Gunton, Colin E. *The Christian Faith: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2002.

Hart, Trevor A. *Faith Thinking: The Dynamics of Christian Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

McClendon Jr., James William. *Systematic Theology, Volume II: Doctrine*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994.

McGrath, Alister E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*, 5th ed. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

_____. *Theology: The Basics*, 3rd ed. Oxford: Blackwell, 2012.

McKim, Donald K. *A 'Down and Dirty' Guide to Theology*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

* Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2014.

Parratt, John. *A Guide to Doing Theology*, SPCK International Study Guide. London: SPCK, 1996.

Weber, Otto. *Foundations of Dogmatics*, trans. Darrell L. Guder, 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1981/83.