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Fall Semester

Philosophy

PH1000 Basic Philosophy  We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am
This course is intended for students who want to familiarize themselves with the basics of philosophy. It is divided into two parts, each with three sections. Part One: History of Philosophy—ancient, medieval, and modern. Part Two: philosophical problems—metaphysics, mind, and morality.
• This introductory course does not fulfill the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
• 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Graham

PH3301 Philosophy of Religion  Tu 8:30-10:20am; Th 8:30-9:20am
Philosophical reflection on religion can be traced back to Plato, long before the time of Christ. In contemporary philosophy, arguments about the rationality of belief in God and life after death figure prominently, but the purpose of this course is to explore a different philosophical debate about the nature of religion as an aspect of human life, and its relation to magic, superstition, ethics, and metaphysics. Special attention will be paid to less-well-known writings by major philosophers such as Hume, Kant, and J.S. Mill.
• This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
• 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Graham

Ethics

EF/ET3212cr Ethics of the Ten Commandments  Tu 2:00-4:50pm
This course explores the intersection of theology, ethics, and Christian education through an examination of the Ten Commandments and their significance for Christian life. Attention will be given to such issues as the commandments in the public realm, Sabbath-keeping, and truth-telling, as well as to theories and methods of Christian education. The course will equip students with educational frameworks and skills necessary for effective teaching of the Ten Commandments to a range of learners. Some attention will also be given to cultural presentations of the Ten Commandments through books, movies, billboards, and television.
• This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
• This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
• This course fulfills the education and formation requirement.
• 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Duff and Mr. Mikoski

ET3340cr Christian Ethics and Modern Times  MoTuTh10:30-11:20am
An introduction to Christian moral norms, virtues, and practices, to the social ideals that Christians confess, and to modern disputes over the substance of those ideals. How shall we love our neighbors, show hospitality to strangers, bear the burdens of sinners and enemies, and speak truth to power in these modern times? Are the ideals of neighbor-love and prophetic justice compatible with the norms of liberal
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democracy, with individual freedoms and equal rights, or not? Special attention will be given to Christian attitudes toward sexuality, punishment, racial and gender bias, war and nonviolence, economic inequality, and environmental decay.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Bowlin

**ET3460cr Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**  
We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am

This course will explore and assess Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s distinct approach to theology and ethics, analyzing the method and content of his work, the context in which he lived and wrote, and the extent to which his work still speaks to the church today. In addition to reading some of Bonhoeffer’s major works (*Creation and Fall, Discipleship, Life Together, Ethics*, and *Letters and Papers from Prison*), we will read a biography of Bonhoeffer.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills either the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Duff

**ET3750cr Studies in Theology and Ethics**  
Mo 2:00-4:50pm

Focusing on select primary texts from the ancient church to the present, this course will explore the intersection of theological commitment and ethical concern. Topics include: divine authority and temporal rule, atonement and sacrifice, love and justice, tolerance and coercion, grace and agency, divine command and absolute prohibition.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Bowlin

*Doctrinal Theology*

**TH2100 Systematic Theology**  
MoTuTh 9:30-10:20am

A foundational course covering the major Christian doctrines from revelation to eschatology, emphasizing their biblical basis, evangelical focus, ecclesial context, Trinitarian scope, and contemporary significance for Christian life and ministry.

- Required of all juniors.
- Enrollment limited to sixty-five students.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Taylor
TH3210 Christian Theologies of the Jewish People

We 9:30-11:20am; Fr 10:30-11:20am

Sleeping quietly within ecclesiology is the Christian-teaching on the Jewish people that generally assumes that the church has replaced the Jewish people as the Israel of God, and is quite simply now the people of God. While the classic teaching has been articulated with some nuance, at times, the disastrous history it spawned has disclosed the basic conviction as problematic, and alternatives are currently being formulated. The course will explore this problem first by examining classic Christian formulations of the Jewish people then by assessing alternatives to it from Paul of Tarsus through Karl Barth and finally by seeking a salutary approach to it for the present.

- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Charry

OT/TH3216 Revelation and Biblical Interpretation in a Postmodern World

Mo 2:00-4:50pm

This course provides a constructive exploration of the doctrine of revelation and biblical interpretation in the light of postmodern challenges to meaning and truth and post-Holocaust questions about the reality of God. Focusing on particular biblical texts, the course explores diverse approaches to biblical meaning, both historical and contemporary, with a view toward appropriating those meanings today. Students consider the changing nature of religious life today and how to formulate a viable approach to theology and biblical interpretation for the twenty-first century.

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- This course does not fulfill the “close reading of the text” requirement.
- Prerequisites: OT2101 and TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester 2013-2014: Mr. Dobbs-Allsopp and Mr. Johnson

TH3200cr Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Mo 8:30-11:20am

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam strive with one another theologically, culturally, politically, and, in the Middle East, geographically. By turns, each later tradition has sought to triumph over those that came before by claiming that its revelation is definitive. At a time of acute religious and political turmoil among adherents of these traditions in Israel/Palestine, it is important that Christians understand Judaism and Islam on their own terms and the context of the political interaction among adherents of all three traditions in that region. This course will both inform students of the historical, theological, and cultural tensions and continuities among the traditions and prepare for the travel course trip to Jerusalem in January 2014.

- This course fulfills Theology Department distribution requirements.
- May be taken as a stand-alone course or as part of the two course sequence.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Ms. Charry

TH3415 Doctrine of God

TuTh 10:30-11:20am; Fr 9:30-10:30am

This course is a study of the mystery and self-revelation of God; the tension between the biblical understanding of God and classical philosophical conceptions; the attributes of God; the doctrine of the Trinity; and the inseparability of knowledge of God and knowledge of ourselves.
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- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. McCormack

**TH3444 The Liberation Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez**  
**Th 2:00-4:50pm**
A critical examination of the doctrinal structure of Gutiérrez’s theology of liberation. Special attention will also be given to theology’s relation to ecclesial, economic, cultural, and political dynamics in Latin America, especially as bearing upon the struggle of indigenous peoples in the Americas.
- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Taylor

**TH3451 Modern Christology**  
**Tu 2:00-4:50pm**
The course explores various ways in which Christ and salvation have been defined in modern theology. Special attention is devoted to Kant, Schleiermacher, and Barth. A new typology is explained to understand differing views of how Christ is related to his saving work. Special attention is devoted to the question of Christ’s atoning sacrifice.
- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Hunsinger

**TH3780 Socrates and Jesus**  
**Tu 2:00-4:50pm**
Christianity is a complex intermingling of two major streams: the biblical narratives and the intellectual traditions of the Greco-Roman world. This course returns to the roots of both streams by exploring the lives, the teachings, the deaths, and the ongoing influence of Jesus and Socrates as presented in the gospels and selected Platonic dialogues. Topics covered include their diverse but sometimes overlapping views of love and death, justice and the kingdom of God, their use of paradox and parable, and the nature of the authentic human life. While comparing the two figures has a long history in the West, it is made more interesting by recent research into literary versus philosophical approaches to Socrates and current controversies over the “historical Jesus” versus the “Christ of faith.” The course is integrative in nature, helping students to apply literary, philosophical, and theological insights into the constructive task of ministry.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- This seminar is limited to MDiv degree students. Others require permission of instructor.
- Enrollment is limited to twenty students.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester 2013-2014; Mr. Johnson

**TH4100 Sermon Shape-Up: Preaching Christian Doctrine**  
**Mo 8:30-10:20am; We 8:30-9:20am**
The purpose of this course is to connect the study of systematic theology with the writing of sermons. What are good ways to enrich sermons with doctrinal content, and what are ways to be avoided? The course will consist in studying published sermons that display strong doctrinal content, in reflecting on such sermons from the standpoint of preaching theory, and in writing doctrinal sermons as a requirement for the course.

- This course is an elective and does not fulfill any department distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester 2013-2014; Mr. Hunsinger.

EC/TH5301 Missional Initiative in Post-Christendom Europe  We 8:30-11:20am
This course will investigate current initiatives to address the challenge of the secularized European mission field as it confronts the late Christendom churches. Diverse theological initiatives and their practical translation will be analyzed as they interact with interpretations of the changing context. In addition to recent literature, Skype conversations with a range of theologians and practitioners will give the students direct access to those involved in these initiatives. The translatability of both the theological insights and the practical initiatives into the North American context will be investigated.

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Guder

TH5318 Roots of Theological Anthropology  Tu 2:00-4:50pm
Current debates in evolutionary biology, primatology, and paleoanthropology are dominated by arguments that claim that the origins of human spirituality, morality, and cognition directly relate to the evolution of human sexuality and primordial language. This places the roots of human consciousness on a direct continuum with proto-moral and ritual behavior in social animals, thus raising the question of whether religious awareness and moral decision-making have been selected for in the course of evolution. This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to these questions and will evaluate theologically what it means to be human, what it means to talk about the evolution of religion, and how theological anthropology is enriched when it takes seriously the evolution of human sexuality and our moral, aesthetic, and religious dispositions.

- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. van Huyssteen

TH5390 Aquinas on Love  Th 2:00-4:50pm
Jesus calls those who follow him beloved. He enjoins them to love God above all and to love their neighbors as themselves. He also calls them friends and encourages them to love the unlovable and befriend the friendless. And most mysteriously of all, the scriptures speak of God as love. The claim is not that God loves—although surely God does—but that love is what God is. This course explores Thomas Aquinas’s (1224/5-1274) attempt to make sense of this God, this Love, these commands and these claims.

- Enrollment is limited to twelve students.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.
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Fall Semester 2013-2014; Mr. Adam Eitel

PhD Seminars

TH9056 Theology and the Challenge of Interdisciplinary Reflection   Th 2:00-4:50pm
Focus on the unique place of theology in the current interdisciplinary and cross-cultural conversation. The special challenge will be to revision the public nature of theological reflection in a pluralist, postmodern context where rigid, modernist disciplinary distinctions seem to be breaking down and new spaces open up for theology’s conversation with contemporary culture. In dialogue with contemporary theologies, philosophy, and philosophy of science, a theory of interdisciplinarity will be developed that will enable theologians to enter interdisciplinary conversations with personal faith commitment intact, while at the same time transcending the boundaries of disciplinary and cultural traditions. 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. van Huyssteen

TH9060 Readings in Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theodrama   Mo 2:00-4:50pm
The topic of the seminar will be the doctrines of God, Trinity, and Christology in the theology of von Balthasar. Some comparison with other, post-Barthian developments—especially in Catholic theology—will be undertaken (e.g. Rahner, Kaspar, Schoonenberg, et al.) 3 credits.
Fall Semester 2013–2014; Mr. McCormack

TH9090 Seminar in Missional and Ecumenical Theology   Fr 8:30-11:20am
Topic for the fall semester, 2013: The missional and ecumenical legacy of Karl Barth.
3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Guder

SPRING SEMESTER 2013-2014

Philosophy

No master courses being offered.

Ethics

ET3341cr Augustine on Ethics and Politics
Augustine as moralist and political theologian. Topics include: his philosophical antecedents and opponents, his moral psychology and account of human action, his understanding of virtue and happiness, his treatment of law, coercion, and forbearance, and his ambivalence toward temporal politics. The course will conclude by considering his lively, contemporary legacy.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills either the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Enrollment is limited to fifteen students.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
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- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Bowlin

Doctrinal Theology

**TH2100 Systematic Theology**
A foundational course covering the major Christian doctrines from revelation to eschatology, emphasizing their biblical basis, evangelical focus, ecclesial context, Trinitarian scope, and contemporary significance for Christian life and ministry.
- Required of all juniors.
- Enrollment limited to sixty-five students.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Johnson

**TH3100 Toward a Theology of Church Leadership**
This course helps students develop an integrative theology and set of skills for church leadership. Issues covered include: the nature of the church and its ministry, the dynamics of communal authority, the complexities of church and family systems, cultivating Christian character, developing leadership skills in others, the church leader as spiritual director or companion, and the ethical dimensions of leadership. The course uses case studies, as well as recent literature from both the secular arena and the church.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Enrollment limited to middlers and seniors except by permission of the instructors.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Johnson and Mr. William Golderer

**TH3380 Classics of Christian Theology**
Examination of classical theological texts from within the broad Christian tradition. Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians predominate, but patristic theologians important to Eastern Orthodoxy are included as well. Each unit will involve the close reading of one or more major texts, with special attention to method, form, and content. Material about the life and times of theologians will be included in each case. To be considered are such theologians as Irenaeus, Athanasius, Cyril, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Bunyan, and Edwards.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Hunsinger

**TH3427 The Theology of Karl Barth**
This course will provide an introduction to the theology of Karl Barth by examining selected portions of his *Church Dogmatics*. Topics to be considered may include knowledge of God, the reality of God, the Trinity, creation, human sin, Christology, the church, and the Christian life. The context, development, coherence, and continuing significance of Barth’s thought will be examined. The goals of the course are to explore both the contributions and the limitations of Barth’s theology and to determine what resources it offers for the tasks of Christian theology and the ministry of the church today.
- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
TH3420 Doctrine of Providence
This course will survey key works in the history of philosophy and theology in an effort to advance upon a theological understanding of God’s preserving, accompanying, and ruling of the created world. Questions to be addressed include: What is God’s relationship to time? Does God respond to prayer? What is eternity? Does God cause all things in this world? Does history have a telos? What is the relation between human freedom and the divine foreknowledge? Authors include Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, and Barth.

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits

Spring Semester 2013–2014; Mr. Mark Edwards

TH3583cr Critical Race Theory as Theological Challenge
A study of new theories of racism and white supremacist as a challenge to constructive and systematic theologies. Readings focus on theorists of “race” and racism, with special attention to the U.S. contexts of “white studies” and issues in Asian American, African American, and Latina/o studies. Theological readings concentrate on contemporary theologians explicitly addressing issues in U.S. ethnicity and white racism.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Taylor

TH3660cr Incarnation and Incarcerated Bodies
Examination of the political dimensions of Christology, as they illumine issues in contemporary mass incarceration. Special focus on the “becoming human” of the divine logos in relation to the human suffering of long sentences, isolation and abandonment, rape, torture, and despair—and sometimes resistance and hope in—U.S. prisons and detention centers. Readings will draw from diverse prison writings on Jesus, as well as from the prison-related Christological reflections of Barth, Bonhoeffer, Moltmann, Ellacuria, Sobrino, and other theologians. Not only recommended for chaplains in prison ministries, but also for those seeking critical analysis of Christian faith in relation to the “1 in 100” U.S. residents now behind bars.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Taylor

EC/TH5350 Missional Theology and Practice
A course in missiological ecclesiology that is articulated through the intensive encounter between an emerging post-Christendom congregation and Reformed ecclesiology as articulated by Karl Barth. A theology of the missional church will be developed in light of the issues and challenges that arise from the
formation of such an ecclesial community. The concrete model for examination will be Outreach Red Bank (ORB), a youth ministry initiative. This ministry, unexpectedly, now has become a multi-generational mission community. The literature of the missional church discussion will be brought into dialogue with the process of ongoing translation and innovation represented by this example of a "post-Christendom western indigenous community."

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- This course fulfills the Theology Department distribution requirements.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Guder and Mr. Christian Andrews

**TH5410 Systematic and Interdisciplinary: The Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg**
A critical examination of the systematic program of German Lutheran theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg, one of the more influential Protestant theologians of the late twentieth century. Major systematic loci will be explored (including theological method, doctrine of God, Christology, anthropology, pneumatology, eschatology), in each case highlighting the distinctive character of Pannenberg’s creative engagements with contemporary science. This exercise will serve as an extended case study to address the questions of whether, how, and to what extent systematic theology can be interdisciplinary.

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013-2014; Mr. Kenneth Reynhout

**PhD Seminars**

**PH9040 Hume and Nietzsche: Christianity’s Philosophical Critics**
In the history of philosophy, two figures stand out as the most challenging critics of the Christian religion, David Hume (1711–1776) and Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900). Both present serious challenges to Christian faith that call for a response, but are not easily answered. The purpose of this course is to enable students both to understand fully the nature and the force of these challenges and to be able to formulate cogent responses. 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Graham

**ET9010 Aquinas on Law and the Virtues**
This seminar will consider the account of law and the virtues—acquired and infused, natural and theological—that Aquinas develops in the secunda pars of the *Summa Theologiae*. Special attention will be given to the theological substance of that account, to its philosophical warrants, to the options he refused, and to contemporary exegetical disputes. 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. Bowlin

**2014-2015 Courses**

**Fall Semester**
Philosophy

PH3320 Philosophy of the Arts
This course is divided into two parts, separated by Reading Week. Part one is a philosophical investigation of the distinguishing characteristics of three particular art forms conducted with a view to their connection with religion. In part two students may choose between EITHER further lectures and precepts exploring of the role of the arts in Christianity, OR a practical group project that uses the arts to make a web-mountable presentation on a prescribed spiritual, moral, or theological theme OR an introduction to the theology and practice of iconography.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Graham

PH3375cr Political Philosophy and Public Theology
This course examines certain central concepts in political philosophy—for example, liberty, democracy, civil society, the state, power—and relates them to traditional questions about the relation of church and state, and contemporary questions about the proper place of religious beliefs in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Graham

Ethics

ET3316cr Ethics and the Problem of Evil
Theological reflection on human suffering, calamity, and woe. Some attention will be given to the theoretical problem of evil and to the theodicies that might be offered in reply, but the course focuses on the practical challenge that evil poses and on the moral and spiritual responses that Christians might muster. Its themes include: virtue, passion, and happiness; worship, sacrifice, and atonement; paradox, mystery, and eschatological hope.
- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisites: TH2100.
- 3 credits.
Fall Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Bowlin

ET3375cr Theology and Practice of Community Organizing
The gospel’s call to love neighbor, work for justice, and seek reconciliation comes to congregations, not just to individuals. It comes to communities that worship and act together in a specific time and place, and it requires more than a vague desire to hear and respond. To answer God’s call and bear witness to the coming of God’s shalom, congregations must be able to act effectively and exercise power strategically. This course will help future church leaders acquire these skills by introducing them to the theology and practice of
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broad-based community-organizing.

- This course fulfills the general requirement for Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2014-2015; Mr. Bowlin and staff

Doctrinal Theology

**TH2100 Systematic Theology**
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- Required of all juniors.
- Enrollment limited to sixty-five students.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Hunsinger

**EC/TH3300 Introduction to Missional Theology**
Survey of the contemporary discussion of the church’s mission, emphasizing the biblical foundation and formation of mission, the historical development of mission theology, and the ecumenical missiological debate in the twentieth century. Particular attention is given to the issues of globalization, contextualization, and the “end of Western Christendom.” The implications of missional theology for both the theory and practice of ministry are considered.

- This course fulfills the mission, ecumenics, history of religions, or sociology of religion distribution requirement.
- This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Guder

**TH3417 The Doctrine of Election**
This course is a biblical, historical, and theological investigation of one of the principle doctrines in Reformed theology. Figures to be treated include: Augustine, Thomas, Zwingli, Calvin, and Barth.

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- 3 credits.

Fall Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. McCormack

**TH3436 The Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher**
A study of the thought of the so-called “father of modern theology” through close consideration of the leading themes of his magnum opus, *The Christian Faith*. Attention will also be given to the *Speeches on Religion* and the *Celebration of Christmas* (among other writings).

- This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
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- 3 credits.
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PhD Seminars

**TH9058 Theology of Karl Barth**
Course Description: The course involves an intensive study of selected portions of Barth's Church Dogmatics. The topic varies from semester to semester. The topic for 2014-2015 will be the Knowledge and the Reality of God. 3 credits.
Fall Semester 2014-2015; Mr. Hunsinger

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*Philosophy*

**PH3370cr Moral Philosophy and Aspects of Poverty**
This course will address aspects of the responsibility of rich nations to poor, how that responsibility is effectively realized, and how it relates to Christian attitudes to poverty. This course explores philosophical aspects of aid and development in the modern world against the background of poverty. It will have three components—philosophical and moral foundations of justice and charity, the economic institutions of aid (IMF, World bank, WTO, etc.), and Christian engagement with poverty both as a problem and as an ideal.
- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
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**PH3310 Moral Philosophy**
This course provides a wide-ranging introduction to moral philosophy by exploring several of the major theories that philosophers have developed over two millennia—egoism, naturalism, existentialism, moralism, contractualism, and utilitarianism. Among the thinkers whose ideas will be examined are Plato, Aristotle, Locke, Kant, Nietzsche, Mill, and Sartre.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- 3 credits.
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*Ethics*

**ET3361cr War and Christian Conscience**
Theological reflection on the use of violent, coercive force. Special attention will be given to the historical development of Christian doctrine, the emergence of the just war tradition, the warrants for pacifism, and the differences that divide secular and theological accounts. The course will conclude by considering contemporary concerns: terrorism, torture, and irregular warfare.
- This course fulfills the general requirement for Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
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ET3470cr Medical Ethics: Resisting and Accepting Death
This course addresses medical ethics with a focus on death and dying. We will examine theological as well as legal regulations and cultural attitudes regarding death and dying from the perspective of the church as well as the discipline of medicine.
- This course fulfills Christian responsibility in the public realm
- This course fulfills philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite TH2100.
Spring Semester 2014-2015; Ms. Duff

ET5380cr Friendship, Love, and Justice
This course considers how Christian theologians (Augustine, Aquinas, Kierkegaard, and Barth) have borrowed and adapted secular moral discourses (Plato, Aristotle, Stoicism, Kant, and Hegel) in order to explicate certain biblical claims about God, neighbor, love, and friendship. It uses these topics and figures to explore the relation between things natural and gracious, created and recreated, secular and theological.
- This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
- This course fulfills the philosophy or ethics distribution requirement.
- Prerequisite: TH2100.
- Enrollment is limited to fifteen students.
- 3 credits.
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Doctrinal Theology

TH2100 Systematic Theology
A foundational course covering the major Christian doctrines from revelation to eschatology, emphasizing their biblical basis, evangelical focus, ecclesial context, Trinitarian scope, and contemporary significance for Christian life and ministry.
- Required of all juniors.
- Enrollment limited to sixty-five students.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Ms. Charry

EC/TH3358 Ecumenical Theologies of the Church’s Mission
Survey, beginning with the Edinburgh 1910 conference, of the twentieth-century ecumenical theological discussion and its distinctive landmarks in the areas of faith and order, life and work, and missional theology. The institutional ecumenical history (e.g. World Council of Churches, Lausanne Movement) as well as the role of bilateral dialogues are surveyed and subjected to theological analysis.
- This course fulfills the mission, history of religions, or sociology of religion requirement.
- This course fulfills Theology Department distribution requirements.
- 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Guder
TH3390cr Empire and Capital—Theological Considerations
Analyzing theories of how imperial power, historically and in the present, intersects with capitalist modes of political economy. The primary focus is on theological concepts (e.g. the Kingdom of God, transcendence, creation, and the church) that might inform Christian engagement with political and economic forces of globalization today. Special attention will be given to United States nationalism and the use of military force in their complex interplay with factors of class, race, gender, and sexuality.

• This course fulfills the general requirement for a course on Christian responsibility in the public realm.
• This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
• Prerequisite: TH2100.
• 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Taylor

TH3418 The Atonement in Christian Tradition
A historical survey of leading theories of the atonement, from the early church through the mid-twentieth century. Among the thinkers and schools to be considered are: Irenaeus, Athanasius, Gregory of Nyssa, Anselm, Abelard, Luther, Calvin, covenant theology, Schleiermacher, Hegel, McLeod Campbell, Ritschl, Barth, Tillich, and Sobrino.

• This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
• Prerequisite: TH2100.
• 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2013–2014; Mr. McCormack

TH3419 Holy Spirit in the Reformed Tradition
The primary work of the Holy Spirit in the plan of salvation; relation of the work of the Spirit to the work of Christ; Trinitarian and eschatological aspects of this work. Major figures in the Reformed tradition will be examined on these and other issues. Special consideration will be given to theologians like John Calvin, John Owen, Friedrich Schleiermacher, Thomas F. Torrance, and Juergen Moltmann.

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• Prerequisite: TH2100.
• 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Hunsinger

TH3442 The Theological Formation of the Missional Congregation in Karl Barth
Toward the development of a missional theology, working from the assumption that the church is missional by its very nature and the particular congregation is the primary and basic unit of missional ministry. Resources include sections of volume IV of Barth’s Church Dogmatics, in interaction with recent ecclesiological work under the aegis of the Gospel and Culture discussion.

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• Prerequisites: TH2100.
• 3 credits.
Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Guder
TH5415 Holy Scripture and Modern Criticism
The course will address the question of how to think about the authority of holy scripture in light of modern biblical criticism. How might modern criticism enhance our understanding of biblical authority, and how might biblical authority embrace modern criticism responsibly while also transcending it? Authors to be considered include D.F. Strauss, Gerhard Von Rad, Rudolf Bultmann, Raymond E. Brown, Gerhard Ebeling, and Karl Barth.

• This course fulfills the requirement for a doctrine or theologian course or fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology.
• Prerequisite: TH2100.
• 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Mr. Hunsinger

PhD Seminars

ET9030 Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Theology and Ethics
This seminar will examine the major works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Santorum Communio, Act and Being, Discipleship, Ethics, and Letters and Papers from Prison. Attention will also be given to Bonhoeffer scholars such as Eberhard Bethge, Clifford Green, Ernst Feil, and Charles Marsh. Of particular interest will be the intersection of Bonhoeffer’s theology and ethics and its significance for his time and our own. 3 credits.

Spring Semester, 2014–2015; Ms. Duff