

Bible 4: Introduction to Christian Theology

Course Introduction

This course is designed to introduce you to the field of Christian theology and what it means to begin forming a lifelong Christian identity around three dimensions of theology: beliefs, ethics, and communion with God and others.

Course Description

In this course, students will learn to identify theology, interpret theology, and even construct theology through the following units:

- 1) **Attention:** Students will recognize the importance of attention for all areas of theological work and begin to practice the art of slowing down.
- 2) **Belief:** Students will learn to identify and use reason, experience, tradition, and most of all the Bible to build belief
- 3) **Ethics: Students** will be able to summarize, identify, and state how theology informs actual actions, choices, behaviors, and decisions as well as prioritize, value, compare, and contrast choices to determine if they align with theology that emerges from the biblical narrative.
- 4) **Communion:** Students will be able to use language to describe relationships people and with God and use the Bible to help you analyze, articulate, correlate and illustrate aspects of community and communion with God.
- 5) **Assessment:** Students will evaluate their own theology and some of the theological claims about their generation.

This is a 1 semester course consisting of 5 units. Upon successful completion students will receive 0.5 credit towards high school graduation.

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to give students a space to think critically about some of the topics Christians find important and relevant in discovering meaning in life.

Course Overview

- Attention

- Belief
- Ethics
- Communion
- You

Required Course Materials

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

Methods of Instruction

This course uses exams, activities, live classes, field work, interviews, writing assignments, discussions, group work, reading, and essays to engage with Christian theology.

Methods of Evaluation

In this course you will be evaluated by your depth of response to essays, reflections, discussions, assessments, projects and virtual conversations with other classmates.

Additional Course Information

Detailed information regarding OC Online policies on proctored final exams, grading policy, late/missing assignment policy, weekly live classes, course expectations, and additional school policies can be found on the website.