

Purpose: To review thoroughly the major fields of theology (including contemporary) with special attention to problems and literature in these fields. This course also aims to prepare for the written comprehensive exams in theology.

Requirements: Students will be prepared to discuss in detail, defend, debate and wrestle with questions on areas of theology in the following order:

1. Prolegomena, Bibliology, history of the canon, history of modern dispensationalism.
2. Theology Proper, Trinitarian controversies
3. Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Pelagian controversy
4. Soteriology, history of that doctrine
5. Ecclesiology, history of covenant theology
6. Eschatology, history of that doctrine
7. Christology, history of that doctrine
8. Pneumatology, history of that doctrine
9. Existentialism, Kierkegaard
10. Neoorthodoxy
11. Rauschenbusch, Schweitzer, Tillich
12. Bultmann, Cullmann, German scholars
13. C.H. Dodd, Teilhard
14. Identification of contemporary scholars

A bibliography of six to ten books should be prepared for each area.

Required reading: Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Vols. 5 and 6 optional)
 Walvoord, Jesus Christ our Lord
 Walvoord, The Holy Spirit
 Ryrie, The Holy Spirit
 Hunnux, Milton D., Existentialism and Christian Belief (Moody)
 Reymond, Robert L., Introductory Studies in Contemporary Theology
 (Presbyterian and Reformed)
 Hughes, P.E. (ed.), Creative Minds in Contemporary Theology
 (Eerdmans)

Recommended Supplementary reading: Berkhof, Reformed Dogmatics (Historical Volume)
 Orr, The Progress of Dogma
 Other standard History of Christian Doctrine works
 Henry, C.F.H., Frontiers in Modern Theology