Meeting Time: Tuesdays, 8:00 AM -- 12:00 PM; Aug 27 – Oct 29, Nov 12 Fall 2013
Meeting Place: DC 2

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Catalog Course Description
This survey of theology emphasizes the practical applications of the doctrines to the ministry of the
gospel in contemporary culture. Topics include theology proper (God) and anthropology (humanity).

Explanation
This course is designed for the M.Div. degree program. (All students are welcome, but those wanting a
more general overview of Systematic Theology should consider taking the “ST Survey” course instead.)
M.Div. students are supposed to have completed Covenant Theology, History of Philosophy and
Christian Thought, and Doctrine of Scripture (covering theological prolegomena) in theology and Hebrew
and Greek in biblical studies. Given these assumptions, this course will focus on (1) presenting a
systematic statement of the biblical teaching on the topics of God and humanity as understood and taught
within the Reformed tradition, demonstrating that these formulations represent (2) the correct
understanding of Scripture and (3) the doctrine God’s people need to thrive as disciples of the Lord Jesus
Christ. My goals in this class correspond to our focus: that at the conclusion of this course you are (1a)
properly prepared for pastoral ministry in an orthodox Reformed or Presbyterian church on the topics
covered, confident in (2a) the biblical foundation and (3a) practical usefulness of the Reformed
understanding of God and humanity.

Textbooks (Required)
Herman Bavinck, Reformed Dogmatics: Prolegomena, vols. 2 & 3 (Baker: ISBN 9780801026553 and
9780801026560)
Richard A. Muller, Dictionary and Latin and Greek Theological Terms (Baker: ISBN 9780801020643)

Assignments
Essay Exams
The course is divided into four major units: God’s being and attributes; Trinity; God’s works; and
humanity. Students will be given a set of questions (about five) at the beginning of each unit. There will
be a midterm exam given after the first two units are completed and a cumulative final exam given at the
conclusion of the course.

Term Paper
Students will also write a 10-12 page term paper on an approved issue under the doctrines of God and
humanity that integrates exegetical, systematic, and historical perspectives and sound argumentation
(demonstrating a clear thesis). Proper style and formatting are expected (see latest edition of Turabian).
Papers ought to be error-free and reflect quality research and careful, critical thinking.

Course Grade
Exams 30% each; 60% combined
Term Paper 40%
Total 100%
Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

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<th>MDiv Student Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation</strong>&lt;br&gt;(oral &amp; written)</td>
<td>Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
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