COURSE SYLLABUS – ST506  
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ST506 - SYSTMATIC THEOLOGY SURVEY FOR MFT

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COURSE PURPOSE

An introduction for MFT students to the discipline of systematic theology. Topics include: doctrine of scripture, doctrine of God, Christology, anthropology, doctrine of sin, doctrine of salvation, and common grace.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

The Bible.


COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. ATTENDANCE — Class attendance is mandatory. Each unexcused absence will result in a full letter grade reduction for the course. Absences to fulfill requirements of other courses are unacceptable. If you plan to be absent from a class, request in advance and by e-mail an excused absence from my teaching assistant. You must state the reason for your absence. In the event of a planned absence, written work and memory verses must be submitted to the teaching assistant electronically by the start time of the class missed.

2. READING ASSIGNMENTS — Textbook assignments must be read prior to class. Examination questions will be taken from the readings, as well as from the class lectures.
3. PAPER FORMATTING – All written work must be typed double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and include pagination and line numbering.

Each assignment must include the following:

a. Name(s)
b. Course
c. Date
d. Assignment (e.g., Theology Exercise 1)

Improperly formatted work will result in a full letter grade reduction for the assignment.

See the top of the next page for an example of what this formatting is to look like.

For help on how to do line numbering, see the following websites:

For MS Word:  http://tinyurl.com/WordLineNumbering
For Apple Pages:  http://tinyurl.com/PagesLineNumbering

If you still have trouble with formatting, the teaching assistant is happy to help you (really)!

4. EXAMINATIONS — A. First/Mid-term Examination, October 20

B. Second/Final Examination, TBD (cumulative)

Examinations will include Bible Memory Verses randomly selected from the course outline below. The Bible Memory Verse portion of the final exam is cumulative.

5. GRADES –

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You will find your Reading Report at the end of this syllabus. Your report is due December 5.

Bible Memory Verses will be written down at 10:00 and collected at 10:02. If you are late for class, you will receive a zero for the assignment. If you plan to be absent and your absence is excused, you must e-mail the teaching assistant with the verse typed out. Honor system, closed Bible.

Theology Exercises may be completed individually or in teams of up to four students. If you submit your work as a team, all names must be listed on the paper. Each student in the team will receive the same grade. The Theology Exercises require definition of all Special Terms found at the end of each chapter. Put the terms in your own words. Use complete sentences. Poor grammar and spelling will result in a grade reduction. Your first Theology Exercise is due August 25.

6. GRADING SCALE -
97-100%  A
94-96%   A-
91-93%   B+
88-90%   B
86-87%   B-
83-85%   C+
80-82%   C
78-79%   C-
75-77%   D+
72-74%   D
70-71%   D-
0-69%    F

7. LABOR DAY and READING WEEK - There will be no class on September 1 and October 6.

8. DEADLINES - All course materials must be submitted at the beginning of class on the date due. Hard copies only; only submit work electronically to the teaching assistant on dates when you will be absent from class. Late work will be penalized a full letter grade each day thereafter.

9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Computers and tablets are not permitted in the classroom. Voice recorders are not permitted in class. Cell phones should be turned off and put away.

10. DISCLAIMER - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus during the semester. Students are expected to keep up with syllabus revisions, which are posted online. Late work because an out of date syllabus was consulted will not be excused.

11. OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Friday, by appointment or whenever my office door is open. My office is upstairs in the Dean Center. I will also work in the MFT commons area and Library Room 10. Your conversations are most welcome.
COURSE OUTLINE

August 25:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 1: Introduction to Systematic Theology
   Chapter 2: The Word of God
   Chapter 3: The Canon of Scripture
B. Theology Exercise 1

September 8:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 4: The Four Characteristics of Scripture: (1) Authority
   Chapter 5: The Inerrancy of Scripture
   Chapter 6: The Four Characteristics of Scripture: (2) Clarity
B. Bible Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
C. Theology Exercise 2

September 15:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 7: The Four Characteristics of Scripture: (3) Necessity
   Chapter 8: The Four Characteristics of Scripture: (4) Sufficiency
   Chapter 9: The Existence of God
B. Bible Memory Verse: Romans 1:18-20
C. Theology Exercise 3

September 22:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 10: The Knowability of God
   Chapter 11: The Character of God: “Incommunicable Attributes”
   Chapter 12: The Character of God: “Communicable Attributes” (1)
B. Bible Memory Verse: Exodus 34:6-7
C. Theology Exercise 4

September 29:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 13: The Character of God: “Communicable Attributes” (2)
   Chapter 14: God in Three Persons: The Trinity
B. Bible Memory Verse: Matthew 3:16-17
C. Theology Exercise 5

October 6: Fall Break.

October 13:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 15: Creation
   Chapter 16: God’s Providence
B. Bible Memory Verse: Romans 8:28-29
C. Theology Exercise 6

October 20: Mid-Term Exam.

October 27:
A. Readings:
Chapter 17: Miracles
Chapter 18: Prayer
Chapter 19: Angels
B. Bible Memory Verse: Hebrew 4:14-16
C. Theology Exercise 7

November 3:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 20: Satan and Demons
   Chapter 21: The Creation of Man
   Chapter 22: Man as Male and Female
B. Bible Memory Verse: James 4:7-8
C. Theology Exercise 8

November 10:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 23: The Essential Nature of Man
   Chapter 24: Sin
   Chapter 25: The Covenants Between God and Man
B. Bible Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 7:1
C. Theology Exercise 9

November 17:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 26: The Person of Christ
B. Bible Memory Verse: John 1:14
C. Theology Exercise 10

November 24:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 27: The Atonement
   Chapter 28: The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ
B. Theology Exercise 11

December 1:
A. Readings:
   Chapter 29: The Offices of Christ
   Chapter 30: Work of the Holy Spirit
   Chapter 31: Common Grace
B. Theology Exercise 12

December 5: Submit Reading Report
December 9-11: Final Exams

READING REPORT
(Due December 5.)

Name (Print):

I have read all assigned portions of Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine.
Yes____  No _____

(No percentage; no partial credit.)

Signature: _________________________________

Date: _________________________________