

# SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 502D

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The second in a two-course sequence of Christian doctrine from the Anglican perspective (i.e., Soteriology, Anthropology, Ecclesiology, the Sacraments, and the Last Things). This course will examine the major Christian doctrines from their biblical foundations through their historical developments to their modern expressions. Particular attention will be given to how Anglicans have understood and received these doctrines and their importance in the life of the Church.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will learn to think theologically from an Anglican perspective about life, the world, and ministry through the classical discipline of Systematic Theology. They will gain a familiarity with the sources of Christian theology, understand its methodology of faith seeking understanding (*fides quaerens intellectum*), recognize its theological terms and language, and comprehend how theological reasoning is at the heart of Christian ministry. Students will be able to identify and define major theological terms, explain the doctrines of Soteriology, Anthropology, Ecclesiology, the Sacraments, and the Last Things, analyze how Anglicans have received these doctrines, and compare and contrast uniquely Anglican teachings with both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course grade will be based on one research paper 50%, online discussion 30%, and one final exam 20%. All assignments must be completed. Students are required to view and listen to the PowerPoint lectures. Online discussion will consist of one Required Post per week of 500 words (a page and a half at most) in response to the question for the week on the syllabus in light of the Leading Post. The Leading Post answering the question on the syllabus in light of the lectures and reading will be due Wednesday night, whereas the other Posts will be due Sunday night. Posts should include proper academic citation using parenthetical references and substantially engage the required reading and other appropriate sources. The final exam will be a closed book multiple-choice test over 50 theological terms found in McGrath and McKim. The research paper will be an in-depth examination of a major controversy, doctrine, or movement discussed in class proving a thesis statement. Since this paper is a large portion of your grade, it is expected that it will be a thorough and scholarly engagement of the subject in its historical context with appropriate use of primary and secondary source literature. The paper should be 12 pages in length and use footnotes. Grade Scale: A is excellent, B is good, C is satisfactory, D is poor, F is failing. Please follow the Chicago Manual of Style, i.e., Kate L. Turabian, ed. Wayne C. Booth, et. al. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2018). See <https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/turabian/turabian-notes-and-bibliography-citation-quick-guide.html>

## REQUIRED TEXTS

1. St. Anselm, "Why God Became Man" in *Anselm of Canterbury The Major Works*. ed. Brian Davies and G. R. Evans, Oxford World Classics. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. Pp. 260–356 [96pp.] ISBN 978-0-19-282525-4
2. Davison, Andrew. *Why Sacraments?* London: SPCK. 2013.186pp. [151pp.] ISBN 978-0-281-06392-5.
3. Dulles, Avery. *The Catholicity of the Church*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987. 198pp. ISBN 978-0198-26695-2
4. McGrath, Alister. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2017. 499pp. ISBN 9781118869574 [141pp.]
5. O'Collins, Gerald. *Christology: A Biblical, Historical, and Systematic Study of Jesus*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 385pp. [60pp.] ISBN 978-0-19-955787-5 (Available online from Nashotah House Library.)
6. *The Vocation of Anglican Theology*. Edited by Ralph McMichael. Norwich: SCM Press, 2014. 309pp. [113pp.] ISBN 978-0-334-02973-1 (Available online from Nashotah House Library.)
7. Ward, Robin. *On Christian Priesthood*. New York: Continuum, 2011. 161pp. [150pp.] ISBN 978-0-8264-9908-0
8. *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*. 2d Ed. Revised and Expanded. Edited by Donald McKim. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014. ISBN 978-0-664-23835-3
9. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, Edited by F. L. Cross and E. A. Livingstone. 3d ed Revised. OUP, 2005. ISBN 9780192802903 (Available online from Nashotah House Library.)

## COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Date	Power Point Lectures & Online Post Questions	Assignment
Week 1	8.3	SOTERIOLOGY PowerPoints: Salvation, Justification, Union, Atonement, Sanctification, Grace  Why was the incarnation necessary according to St Anselm?	McGrath, 246–279, 327–344 McMichael, <i>Vocation</i> , 196–243 Anselm, <i>Major Works</i> 260–356 O’Collins, <i>Christology</i> 297–357
Week 2	8.10	PERSON & CHURCH PowerPoints: Anthropology, Predestination, Ecclesiology  What claim does the Anglican Church have to Catholicity?	McGrath, 354–380 Dulles, <i>Catholicity</i> 1–199 McMichael, <i>Vocation</i> , 153–195
Week 3	8.17	SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION PowerPoints: Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation  What is the Anglican understanding of Baptism?	Davidson, <i>Sacraments?</i> , 1–29, 55–81 McGrath, 381–397, 401–404 McMichael, <i>Vocation</i> , 244–279
Week 4	8.24	SACRAMENTS: EUCHARIST PowerPoints: Eucharist, Real Presence  What is the Anglican understanding of the Eucharist?	Davison, <i>Sacraments?</i> , 30–54 McGrath, 397–401
Week 5	9.1	SACRAMENTS: ORDINATION, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING, RECONCILIATION PowerPoints: Holy Orders, Marriage, Anointing, Reconciliation What is the nature of the Priesthood in Anglicanism?	Davison, <i>Sacraments?</i> , 82–151 Robin. <i>On Christian Priesthood</i> , 1-161
Week 6	9.8	ESCHATOLOGY PowerPoints: Four Last Things, Eschatology, Paradise & Prayers for the Dead  Eschatology: What happens to the soul after death?	McGrath 405–447 McMichael, <i>Vocation</i> , 280–309 ***Paper Due 10.23*** ***Terms Test 10.23***