Instructor: Prof. Ed Waggoner

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content: This course explores issues and doctrines that animate Christian life. We will attend to major theological movements and individual voices. Topics include the sources, methods, and goals of theology, as well as basic questions about God the Trinity, creation, providence, sin and evil. Discussions, lectures, and course assignments will identify and critically engage not only patterns of faith and practice that persist over time, but also theological priorities from specific cultural and historical contexts. On the premise that theology is a living conversation, students will be encouraged to form their own constructive theological positions, in dialogue with one another, their respective communities, and course materials.

The fall semester course, CHTH 60003 (Introduction to Christian Theology I) and the spring semester course, CHTH 65003 (Introduction to Christian Theology II) are both required of M.Div. students. The spring course will cover the doctrines of Christology, Pneumatology, Theological Anthropology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. For MTS and MACS students, CHTH 60003 fulfills the requirement, and CHTH 65003 is an elective.

Class Procedures: Lectures, discussion, and assigned readings.

Requirements:
1. Regular attendance and reading of assignments.
2. Two Argumentative Theological Essays (the first is 5 pages; the second is 10 pages).
4. Final Exam.

Texts:


**Grading Procedures:** Passing the course requires completion of all assignments. A 4-point grading and point system is used, as described in the Brite *Bulletin*.

- A Beginning Theological Inventory is not graded, but is required for course completion.
- First Argumentative Theological Essay: 20% of the final grade.
- Midterm Exam: 20% of the final grade.
- Second Argumentative Theological Essay: 30% of the final grade.
- Final Exam: 30% of the final grade.