COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Postmodernism has been exerting considerable influence upon contemporary theology. Modernism and postmodernism represent one of the most important discourses for developing a theological discourse and practice today. Some of the central assumptions of modernism are related to notions such as rationality, truth, subjectivity, and progress, whereas a central feature of postmodernism has been its critique of totality, reason, and universality. By asserting the primacy of the historical and contingent in the construction of reason, authority, truth, ethics, and identity, postmodernism provides a politics of representation and a basis for social struggle. The questions that this course will address are: How do we tell the Christian story in a postmodern, pluralistic world?; How do we theologically address the postmodern world?; How do we do postmodern theology? This course is therefore for students to explore the philosophical and intellectual background of postmodernism, to articulate a critical perspective on postmodernism, and to examine the ways in which theologians and practitioners address issues of postmodernism and the theological issues in their thinking and practice.

- This course fulfills the **Contextualization requirement** *(CHTH 70253).*

COURSE PROCEDURES

In-class presentations, lectures and in-depth discussion of the issues

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

1. Critical Reading Journals: 30 points
2. Presentation: 20 points
3. Concepts: 10 points
4. Final Research Paper: 40 points
   - 5,000 words for M.Div/MTS/MACS;
   - 6,000~7,000 words for D.Min/Th.M/ Ph.D,
   - **This requirement is subject to change depending on the size and pedagogical need of the class.**
**COURSE TEXTS**


