

PROSPECTUS

THEOLOGIES OF MILITARIZATION

CHTH 60313/80313/90313 Spring 2019

Th 1:00-3:30 pm

3 Credit Hours

Instructor: Ed Waggoner

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content:

The purpose of this course is to create public theologies about U.S. militarization. We will rely on anthropologists, political scientists, activists, military authorities, and journalists for a broad introduction to several aspects of militarization in the United States (e.g., geography, environment, politics, economics, education, media and entertainment, gender, and race). Readings for the second part of the course will explore contemporary Christian views about national power. Students will develop their own theological positions and strategies for engaging in public conversations about the role of the U.S. military in American society and in the world.

Class Procedures: Seminar format: discussions, student presentations, brief lectures.

Requirements:

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1. Weekly attendance, active and informed contribution to discussions
2. Weekly reading reports (1/2 page, single-spaced)
3. Class presentation (15 mins.)
4. Short Research Paper (7 pages)

5. Seminar Paper (15-18 pages)

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1. Weekly attendance, active and informed contribution to discussions
2. Weekly reading reports (1/2 page, single-spaced)
3. Class presentation (15 mins.)
4. Short Research Paper (7 pages)
5. Seminar Paper (18-20 pages)

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1. Weekly attendance, active and informed contribution to discussions
2. Weekly reading reports (1/2 page, single-spaced)
3. Class presentation (15 mins.)
4. Short Research Paper (7 pages)
5. Seminar Paper (20-25 pages)

Texts (available through the TCU Bookstore):

1. [Books to be announced.]
2. Articles and chapters available as PDF files on the course website.

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*.

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2. Class presentation (20%)
3. Short Research Paper (20%)
4. Seminar Paper (50%)

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