

BRIT 75013 MTS Colloquium: Advanced Theological Research and Writing
(prospectus)
3 semester hours, Brite Divinity School, Fall 2021

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Prerequisites: MTS students should be in their next to last (or last) semester.

Course Description: This course is required for MTS students at Brite to prepare for writing their final project.

Course Objectives:

1. To ensure that students have advanced skills in bibliographic searching on a chosen topic.
2. To give students an opportunity to practice various aspects of composition, such as planning, drafting, offering and receiving feedback, and revising.
3. To give students an opportunity to improve their writing skills.
4. To introduce students to rhetorical theory.
5. To allow MTS students at Brite to lay a substantive foundation for their final projects.

Requirements and grading:

1. academic book review, 3-4 pages (15%)
2. several short papers, 1-2 pages (25%)
3. research paper outline with at least 15 pages of written text, and a bibliography (60%)
4. communicate with a faculty member about directing the final project (0%)

Attendance Policy: During Fall 2021, the format of this course has yet to be determined, in terms of in person and online components. Attendance in all modes is expected, as appropriate for the student's health circumstances. Absences need to be approved by the instructor.

Class Procedures: Instructor guidance on research and writing, discussion of student written work and of reading assignments.

Required Texts:

Booth, Wayne C. *The Rhetoric of Rhetoric: The Quest for Effective Communication*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Pub, 2004. ISBN-13: 978-1405112376 \$12