

CHTH 60003 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY  
T/R 8:00-9:15 Online Zoom

Instructor: James O. Duke

Prerequisites: None

Description: An overview and selected engagement with themes, issues, movements, and key individuals shaping the story of Christian theological reflection over ever-changing times. Key topics include “theological prolegomena” [the tasks, sources, and methodology of theology], as well as the doctrines of God, revelation, creation, grace, providence, and (perhaps) hope. Attention will be given to the bumpy course of doctrinal development and several theological proposals in recent times.

In keeping with a model of theology as on-going dialogue about matters of faith and faithfulness, students will engage in critical-constructive reflection formative of their own theological positions.

Class Procedure: Primarily class discussion of readings and lecture.

Requirements: All requirements are necessary for course credit. Other assignments may be required in light of pedagogical concerns.

Regular attendance, preparation, and constructive participation in class (40% of grade)  
Initial diagnostic theological exercise and inventory (pass/fail)  
Take-Home Midterm Examination (30% of grade)  
Take Home Final Comprehensive Examination (30% of grade)

Required readings: all prices from Amazon for paperback editions.

Veeneman, Mary. *Introducing Theological Method: A Survey of Contemporary Theologians and Approaches*. Baker Academic, 2017. ISBN-10: 0801049490; ISBN-13: 978-0801049491. \$21

McGrath, Alister. *Theology: The Basic Readings*. Wiley-Blackwell; 3rd edition, 2018. ISBN-10: 9781119158158; ISBN-13: 978-1119158158. \$22

Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke. *How to Think Theologically*. 3d ed. Fortress Press, 2013. ISBN-10: 9780800699321; ISBN-13: 978-0800699321. \$19

Gonzalez, Justo L., and Zaida Maldonado Perez. *Introduction to Christian Theology*. Abingdon Press; Illustrated edition, 2002. ISBN-10: 0687095735; ISBN-13: 978-0687095735. \$17

Migliore, Daniel. ed. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 3rd ed. Eerdmans. 2014. ISBN-10: 9780802871855; ISBN-13: 978-0802871855. \$25

Soelle, Dorothee. *Thinking about God: An Introduction to Theology*. Wipf and Stock; Reissue edition, 2016.  
ISBN-10:1498295762; ISBN-13: 978-1498295765. \$19

One other current theology book, chosen in consultation with the instructor, illustrative of theology's diversity in light of global, ethnic/racial, and/or gender perspectives.

Other primary and secondary readings may be provided by the instructor as required readings.