

Systematic Theology:
Fundamentals of Christian Theology for the 21st Century
Jan. 19- April 18, 2024

Class Facilitator: Dr. Winston Persaud, Wartburg Seminary

Course Schedule

Orientation Conference call Tuesday Jan. 16 at 7:30 PM Central Time: You will be enrolled in the course site a few days before the orientation phone call. Please take the orientation week to explore the course site. There are a number of tasks to do during the orientation time: update your profile, introduce yourself in the “Getting to Know You” forum, and indicating your choice about “Why are you taking this course?” You can’t hurt anything, click around the course homepage and explore! There will also be an orientation call with the course facilitator on Tuesday Jan. 16 at 7:30 PM Central Time. This call will be done using Zoom, a tool that can be joined by video or phone. There are instructions for the call in the class website.

Weekly course guide:

Sometime Friday through Sunday...

- Watch the lectures for the session
- Read any assigned readings
- Post your thoughts in the discussion essay forum

Monday through Tuesday

- Read the forum postings
- Respond to 2 of your classmates in the discussion essay forum with a 1-3 sentence response
- Post your thoughts in the key question forum

By Thursday evening of each week

- Read the forum postings
- In the key question forum respond to at least 2 other participants with 1-3 sentences.

Variation: Sessions 4 and 9

In these 2 sessions instead of the second forum, there will be a live small group discussion for 1 hour on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM Central Time. These will also be done using Zoom.

Final Paper

For those taking this course for preparation for any certification, the final paper is due April 25, 2024, two weeks after the completion of the course.

Course Sessions

Prolegomena

Session 1 — Theology and Christian Identity: Introduction and Approach
Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Wartburg Seminary

Session 2 — Revelation and the History of Religions

Dr. Kristin K. Largen – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Session 3 — Revelation and Scripture

Dr. Faye E. Schott – Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest/Austin

First Article — Creation

Session 4 — A Biblical, Trinitarian Theology of Creation

Dr. Theodore ‘Ted’ F. Peters – Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Session 5 — Trinitarian Doctrine of God

Dr. Cheryl Meese Peterson – Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Session 6 — Anthropology: Image of God – Sin and Evil

Dr. Richard J. Perry, Jr. – Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Second Article

Session 7 — Who is Jesus Christ?: Jesus, the Messiah

Dr. Duane A. Priebe, Wartburg Seminary

Session 8 — What Has God Done in Jesus Christ? : Jesus Died for Our Sins According to Scripture

Dr. Jose David Rodriguez - Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Session 9 Trinitarian Theology of the Cross

Dr. Phil L. Ruge-Jones, Texas Lutheran University

Third Article

Session 10 — The Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life

Dr. Lois Malcolm – Luther Seminary

Session 11 — Word, Sacrament, and the Church

Dr. Michael J. Root – Southern Seminary

Session 12 — Eschatology: New Life in the Spirit

Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary