

TP 2705: Systematic Theology I – Andrey Shirin
Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 7:55 pm,
Online: 7 synchronous and 7 asynchronous sessions.
Virginia and Pennsylvania residents only.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the course is to make students sufficiently theologically informed to conduct a viable ministry.

SIGNIFICANCE FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY: The course will enable students to integrate various theological approaches into their ministries in the church and other public settings.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Through the successful completion of this course students will be able to:

Stay informed about major theological approaches that have shaped and continue to impact Christian faith,
Gain a theological understanding of their ministry settings, both in congregations and other spheres of public life,
Construct and articulate theological foundations for their ministries.

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COURSE FORMAT: The course will be taught online. It will include eight synchronous sessions and the asynchronous portion.

REQUIRED READING:

Evans, James H., *We Have Been Believers: An African American Systematic Theology*, 2nd edition (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 2012) ISBN-13: 978-0800698782, \$27.35, Kindle \$19.49.

Fraser, Elouise Renich, *Confessions of a Beginning Theologian* (Westmont, IL: IVP Academic, 2009) \$18.00, Kindle \$17.10.

McCormack, Bruce L., Kopic, Kelly M., *Mapping Modern Theology: A Thematic and Historical Introduction* (Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2012) ISBN-13: 978-0801035357, \$38.00, Kindle \$24.99.

McGrath, Alister E., *Christian Theology: An Introduction*, 6th edition (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016) ISBN-13: 978-1118869574, \$44.47, Kindle \$33.59.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENT: Composition of the final grade will be as follows:

Final paper – 40%
Asynchronous online portion – 25%
Class attendance and participation – 20%
Presentation – 15%

PREREQUISITES: Introduction to Theological Studies.

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: This course meets a core curriculum requirement for Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Christian Leadership and Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

Note: This extended course description is a reliable guide to the course design but is subject to modification. Textbook prices are set by publishers and are subject to change.