

Medieval Theology

HC3112 - HT II

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Prerequisites:

1. Introduction to Theological Studies
2. Philosophy for Theology
3. Global Church History
4. Patristic Theology

Description of the course:

This course is an investigation of the main theological issues, theologians, and religious movements from “semi-Pelagianism” to Nominalism, from the 5th century to the 15th century. As the medieval period covers ca 1000 years, familiarity with it is essential for understanding both the Protestant Reformations and the modern Western world. However, it does not mean that medieval theology has value only for understanding the periods, which came after it. Medieval theology is a rich and profound heritage in its own rights. Our focus is on Western developments, yet a few sessions are dedicated also to Byzantine theology.

Textbooks and Requirements:

Bell, D. N. *Many Mansions: An Introduction to the Development and Diversity of Medieval Theology*. Cistercian Studies 146. Kalamazoo: Cistercian Publications, 1996. ISBN 0879075465

Reading File of primary texts is in the Library

Other requirements include:

- two exams and
- a 10-page research paper on a selected primary text.