

**HC 3304**

**Christianity and Culture:  
Postmodern Theology and the Church**

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**Course Description**

*Post Modern Theology and the Church* is a course designed to introduce and expose the student to post-modern currents in philosophy and theology, and their impact on the life of the church. The course will link three fields: the postmodern condition, theology, and ecclesiology. It will provide a foundational understanding of the post-modern condition, a critical evaluation of self appointed “post-modern” thinkers, and a platform for rethinking the avenues of ministry to and with the post-modern generation open to any serious Christian community.

Students will read, write short reports on readings, participate in class discussions, and write two term papers, all of which will constitute evaluation materials.

**Required Bibliography**

Caputo, John D. *What Would Jesus De-construct? The Good News of Postmodernism for the Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007. ISBN 978-0-8010-3136-6

Grenz, Stanley J. *A Primer on Postmodernism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996. ISBN 0-8028-0864-6

Rollins, Peter. *How (Not) To Speak of God*. Brewster: Paraclete Press, 2006. ISBN 978-1-55725-505-1

Smith, James K. A. *Who's Afraid of Post-Modernism? Taking Derrida, Lyotard, and Foucault to Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007. ISBN 978-0-8010-2918-9.

Vanhoozer, Kevin J., editor. *The Cambridge Companion to Postmodern Theology*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. ISBN 978-0-521-79395-7