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ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity.

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competency addressed in this course is Christian Theological Heritage.

Course Description

This colloquium is designed for and led by resident Doctor of Philosophy and Masters of Theology students under the supervision of the faculty of Theological and Historical Division, with focused readings in Historical Theology.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Each student will read from various historical theology texts, including some significant primary sources.
2. Students will demonstrate their understanding of readings in classroom presentations.
3. Students will demonstrate their ability to offer creative critique and synthesis of the material in classroom discussions.

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Statement on Biblical Authority

In order to develop competent theological researchers for the twenty-first century church and academy, students in this course will be exposed to seminal works in Christian theology from a wide array of theological perspectives, including the influential works of many prominent non-evangelical theologians. Students are expected to become familiar with and demonstrate advanced, biblically guided critical engagement with the works of these thinkers.

The course instructor operates under the assumption that the Bible is the inspired, totally true and trustworthy Word of God which is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16). The Baptist Faith and Message (2000) provides the confessional framework in which I lead the course.

Reading Assignments (100%)

All students will read the secondary text, McGrath, *Historical Theology*. Each student will be assigned primary sources and will lead a discussion of those books. For each class meeting, students will prepare and present a critical book review based on the text assigned to them. These book reviews should be 4-6 single-spaced pages in length and should include a bibliographic entry, brief biographical data about the author (including dates, theological tradition, historical significance, research interests, and significant works), a brief summary, critical analysis, and discussion questions. Students are recommended but not required to read every primary source included in the colloquium. See the bibliography below for the recommended editions of the primary sources.

Course Schedule

Meeting #1— Ancient Theology (1/29)

McGrath, <i>Historical Theology</i> pp. 1-93	Joe Waller
Irenaeus, <i>Against Heresies</i> , Book 1	Jeremy Pippen
Origen, <i>On First Principles</i> , Books 1-2	Christopher Johnson
Origen, <i>On First Principles</i> , Books 3-4	Josh Hagans
Athanasius, <i>On The Incarnation</i>	Tyler Dean
Augustine, <i>Confessions</i>	Micah Chung

Meeting #2—Medieval & Reformation Theology (2/26)

McGrath, <i>Historical Theology</i> pp. 94-155	Billy Benson
Anselm, <i>Why God Became Man</i>	Landon Adams
Aquinas, <i>Summa Contra Gentiles: Book One: God</i>	Joe Waller
Erasmus, <i>On the Freedom of the Will</i>	Jeremy Pippen
Luther, <i>Bondage of the Will</i>	Christopher Johnson
Luther, 95 Theses, <i>Babylonian Captivity of the Church</i>	Josh Hagans

Meeting #3—Reformation Theology (3/26)

McGrath, <i>Historical Theology</i> pp. 156-213	Tyler Dean
Calvin, <i>Institutes</i> Books 2-3	Micah Chung
Arminius, "Analysis of the Ninth Chapter of the Epistles to the Romans," "The Apology or Defense," "Declaration of Sentiments," and "Public Disputations"	Billy Benson
Hubmaier, "Statements at the Second Zurich Disputation," "Eighteen Theses Concerning the Christian Life," "On Heretics and Those Who Burn Them," "On the Christian Baptism of Believers," "Dialogue with Zwingli's Baptism Book," "On the Christian Ban," Freedom of the Will 1," "Freedom of the Will II," "On Infant Baptism against Oecolampad," "A Form of Water Baptism," "A Form of the Lord's Supper" "Old and New Teachers on Believers' Baptism," "On the Sword Wheaton, Ill. : Crossway Books, c1999"	Landon Adams
Spener, <i>Pia Desideria</i>	Joe Waller
Jonathan Edwards, <i>The Religious Affections</i>	Jeremy Pippen

Meeting #4—Modern Theology (4/30)

McGrath, <i>Historical Theology</i> pp. 214-343	Christopher Johnson
Schleiermacher, <i>The Christian Faith</i>	Josh Hagans
Newman, <i>An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine</i>	Tyler Dean
Warfield, <i>The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible</i>	Micah Chung
Rauschenbush, <i>The Theology of the Social Gospel</i>	Billy Benson
Carl F.H. Henry, <i>God, Revelation, and Authority: God Who Speaks and Shows</i> , vol. 1	Landon Adams

Historical Theology: Primary Sources

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- Augustine, *Confessions*. Trans. Henry Chadwick. Oxford, NY: Oxford University Press, 1991.
- Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. 2 vols. Ed. John T. McNeill. Trans. Ford Lewis Battles. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960.
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- Origen. *On First Principles*. Trans. G. W. Butterworth. New York: Harper and Row, 1966.
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- Spener, Philip Jacob. *Pia Desideria*. Ed. and trans. Theodore G. Tappert. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1964.
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- Thomas Aquinas. *On the Truth of the Catholic Faith: Summa Contra Gentiles*. Book One, *God*. Trans. Anton G. Pegis. Garden City, NY: Image, 1955
- Warfield, Benjamin Breckenridge. *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*. Edited by Samuel G. Craig. Intro. Cornelius Van Til. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1948.

Reading List: **Historical Theology**

- Bromiley, Geoffrey W. *Historical Theology: An Introduction*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1978.
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- Norris, Richard A., ed. *The Christological Controversy*, Sources of Early Christian Thought, Philadelphia: Fortress, 1980.
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Reading List: **Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles**

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- Richardson, Alan and John Bowden, eds. *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983.
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