

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Degree Completion Program
Springfield, Missouri

THED 532 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II
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(3 Credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview of the theological areas of pneumatology, soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will have demonstrated in class discussions, written papers, and class reports, the following:

1. Basic familiarity with the language and concepts of Christian theology.
2. Association and assimilation of the doctrines of Christian theology with personal piety and ministry.
3. Ability to analyze the evangelical formulations of Christian doctrines within the larger context of contemporary theological discussion and development.
4. Willingness to assess the unique contributions and challenges of the Pentecostal tradition in a personal quest for a distinctive and relevant Pentecostal theology.
5. Knowledge of the biblical foundations for historic doctrinal affirmations.
6. Formulation of clear statements on the relationship of theology to the ministry of the Church in the postmodern age.

TEXTBOOKS

Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*. Second ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1998.

McGrath, Alister E., ed. *The Christian Theology Reader*. 3d ed. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

Recommended

Sawyer, M. James. *Survivor's Guide to Theology*. Grand Rapids: MI: Zondervan, 2006.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

(Note: The Erickson readings are assigned by page numbers; the McGrath readings are assigned by section numbers.)

UNIT	TOPIC	READING
Unit 0	Pre-Session	Complete as many reading assignments in advance as possible.
Unit 1	Pneumatology—The Holy Spirit	Erickson, 861-900 McGrath, 3.10, 15, 17
Unit 2	Pneumatology—The Holy Spirit	Same assignments as Unit 1
Unit 3	Soteriology—Doctrine of Salvation	Erickson, 901-1034 McGrath, 5.23; 6.11-12, 15-21, 26, 32-39, 43, 47-48, 51-52
Unit 4	Ecclesiology—Doctrine of the Church	Erickson, 1035-1154 McGrath, 7.1-4, 6, 9, 11-14, 17, 19-22, 24, 26, 28; 8.4-5, 8, 10-11, 16-21, 23-24, 26-28
Unit 5	Eschatology—Doctrine of Last Things	Erickson, 1155-1253 McGrath, 10.1, 3-5, 8, 10-11, 16-20, 22-23

METHODOLOGY

The course will utilize lectures with PowerPoint, guided dialogue, and student presentations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Reading:** This course is strongly reading-based with a minimum expectation of 1,000 pages inclusive of all texts and relevant readings for research and reporting. Consult the selected bibliography in this syllabus. Advance reading is encouraged and, in any event, reading assignments are to be completed as shown above. **Submit on the last evening of class a report detailing all readings** on a form to be supplied by the professor.
2. **Response Papers (Four):** The student will submit at the beginning of each session (sessions two through five) one three-to-four page paper on a topic relevant to that session. The basis of these papers will be the assigned or related supplemental readings. The form may be that of exegesis, exposition, summary, or critique—or a combination of these. Papers should be well-written, succinct, and incisive but may utilize informal parenthetical documentation.
3. **Discussion:** The student is to be prepared for relevant and lively discussion at each session. The textbook readings will be essential to these discussions.
4. **Quizzes:** The professor reserves the right to administer a brief quiz at the end of each class.

Any quizzes will focus on salient doctrinal concepts and their biblical underpinnings.

5. **Final Paper:** The student will expand one of the response papers into a term paper of ten pages, in good form as determined by Turabian (6th ed.). Include not less than ten substantial resources and cite them in footnotes and bibliography. **Due at beginning of the last class, July 12.**

GRADING PROCEDURE

Response Papers (15% each)	60%
Final Paper	40%
[Participation	10%]

Prompt and timely completion of assignments is essential to the degree completion program. Late work is subject to negotiation with the professor in compliance with program standards, and only accepted on sufficient grounds. Late work submitted beyond agreed-upon dates, if accepted, may be penalized by one letter grade per week late.

The professor reserves the right to allocate 10% of the grade for participation, raising or lowering the final grade for significant lapses or contributions.

The following grade scale applies: F=0-59; D-=60-63; D=64-66; D+=67-69; C-=70-73; C=74-76; C+=77-79; B-=80-83; B=84-86; B+=87-89 A-=90-93; A=94-100.

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Note: Due to the endless variations between theologians, the following categorizations are, in some cases, only approximate.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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