

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II, TH232-M

Bible and Theological Studies [3 credits]
Fall 2021, Christian Life College—Madison

I. INSTRUCTORS

Although this course will utilize many qualified instructors, the lead instructor for the course will be Greg Pechacek (gpechacek@citychurchonline.org). Further information about this course is available through email at nvanmaren@citychurchonline.org or by phone at 608-221-1528, ext. 302. Complete information about CLCM is available at: citychurchmadison.org/clc.

II. SCHEDULE

Thursday evenings, September 2 to December 16, with class times from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be no class on Thursday, November 25. CLCM meets at Abundant Life Christian School, 4901 E Buckeye Rd., Madison.

III. DESCRIPTION

Systematic Theology II is a study in the foundations of Christian, Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Salvation, Church and End Times. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to gospel ministry in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation.

IV. OBJECTIVES

- A. To be able to articulate the meaning of key theological terms and concepts.
- B. To be able to articulate personal positions on these doctrines within the biblical framework while employing proper theological method.
- C. To be able to define each doctrine with accuracy, providing biblical support and identifying deviations from, or false expressions of these doctrines.
- D. To be able to articulate biblical answers to key theological questions raised by the church and/or the world which pertain to these doctrines.
- E. To be able to identify critical and controversial issues in Christian theology.

V. TEXTBOOKS

A. Required:

1. *Bible Doctrine: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith* by Wayne Grudem (Zondervan, 1999)
2. *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott (IVP, 2006)
3. *The Church in God's Program* by Robert L. Saucy (Moody, 1972)
4. *A Basic Guide to Eschatology* by Millard J. Erickson (Baker 1998)

B. Recommended:

1. *Across the Spectrum: Understanding Issues in Christian Theology* by Gregory A. Boyed and Paul R. Eddy (Baker, 2002)
2. *Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson (Baker, 1983)
3. *Erasing Hell: What God Said About Eternity, and the Things We've Made Up* (First Edition) by Francis Chan and Preston Sprinkle (David C. Cook Publishing, 2011)
4. *Four Views on Hell* (Second Edition) edited by Preston Sprinkle (Zondervan, 2016)
5. *Hell: A Final Word* by Edward W. Fudge (Leafwood Publishers, 2012)

VI. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Quizzes – Sections from the required reading (Stott, Saucy, Erickson) will be read in conjunction with the course lectures. Students will be quizzed on these readings weekly.
- B. Thesis Paper - Students will write a 3,000 - 3,500 word paper on the hell debate, a pertinent and timely theological issue found in Boyd, *Across the Spectrum*, and in each of the above recommended textbooks. Internet sources should be used cautiously and sparingly. All papers should be written in APA style, double spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font. For writing and citing help see the Purdue Owl at:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html
- C. Mid-term and Final Exams – Students will write two examinations based on the lecture material and the main textbook, Grudem's *Bible Doctrine*.
- D. Attendance is mandatory - Failure to attend classes will result in an incomplete after 3 unexcused absences. Excused absences must be arranged with the lead instructor in advance of any absence. A short email description of the nature and extent of the absence will be sufficient to meet this requirement.

VII. GRADING

	Percentage
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Term paper	25%
Reading Responses	25%

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>GPA</i>
A	93-100	Mastery	4.00
A-	90-92		3.67
B+	88-89	Far Above Expectations	3.33
B	83-87		3.00
B-	80-82	Above Expectations	2.67
C+	78-79		2.33
C	73-77	Meets Expectations	2.00
C-	70-72		1.67
D+	68-69	Below Expectations	1.33
D	63-67		1.00
D-	60-62	Far Below Expectations	.67
F	0-59	Failure: See Instructor	.00
I		Incomplete	

VIII. EXTENSIONS: There will be no extensions in this class except for extenuating family emergencies or medical reasons. Incompletes occur when class work is not completed during the semester. Incompletes automatically become "F" thirty days after the semester ends.

IX. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at CLCM and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of necessary research materials.

X. CREDIT AND AUDIT

Credit: The current cost of 3 credits is \$385. Fees are due on a schedule of ½ before the first class, and the final ½ before the fourth class. Other arrangements may be made if done with prior approval. Students who pay in full at the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive an additional \$25 discount. Successful completion of this course will result in 3 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Christian Life College, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Audit: This course may be audited for a lecture fee of \$150. Students who pay in full at the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive an additional \$25 discount. There are no reading, paper, or exam requirements, but auditing students are urged to do all they can to keep in step with the reading and lecture schedule in order to gain the maximum benefit from the course.

Application Fee: There is a one-time Registration and Application fee of \$25. This one-time fee must accompany every first-time application for enrollment or audit.

Graduates of CLCM may audit any course at the greatly reduced price of \$50 per course.

Anyone may audit up to three class periods at no charge.

XI. COURSE SCHEDULE

Week/Date	Lecture Topic/Focus	Assignment Schedule	Lecturer
Week 1 September 2	The Gospel Call and Regeneration	Grudem Chapter 19-20	Isaac Fleming
Week 2 September 9	Course Orientation, Common Grace and Election	Grudem Chapters 17-18 Stott Chapters 1-2 Week 2 Quiz	Quintana and Pechacek
Week 3 September 16	Conversion (Faith and Repentance)	Grudem Chapter 21 Stott Chapters 3-4 Week 3 Quiz	Elliott Pollasch
Week 4 September 23	Justification and Adoption	Grudem Chapter 22 Stott Chapters 5-6 Week 4 Quiz	Elliott Pollasch
Week 5 September 30	Sanctification and Perseverance	Grudem Chapters 23-24 Stott Chapter 7 Week 5 Quiz	
Week 6 October 7	Death Intermediate State Glorification	Grudem Chapter 25 Stott Chapters 8-9 Week 6 Quiz	

Week 7 October 14	The Nature of the Church	Grudem Chapter 26 Saucy Chapters 1-3 Week 7 Quiz	Greg Pechacek
Week 8 October 21	Mid-term Exam	Mid-term Exam	Greg Pechacek
Week 9 October 28	Baptism and The Lord's Supper	Grudem Chapters 27-28 Saucy Chapter 9 Week 9 Quiz	Gill Robertson
Week 10 November 4	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Grudem Chapters 29-30 Saucy Chapters 4-6 Week 10 Quiz	
Week 11 November 11	The Return of Christ	Grudem Chapter 31 Erickson Chapters 1-2 Week 11 Quiz	
Week 12 November 18	The Millennium	Grudem Chapter 32 Erickson Chapters 3-5 Week 12 Quiz	
Week 13 November 25	Thanksgiving Break	N/A	N/A
Week 14 December 2	The Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment	Grudem Chapter 33 Erickson Chapters 6-7 Week 14 Quiz	Gibson and Flaherty
Week 15 December 9	The New Heaven and New Earth	Grudem Chapter 34 Erickson Chapters 8-9 Thesis Paper Due	
Week 16 December 16	Final Exam	Final Exam	Greg Pechacek

*All dates and assignments are tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the lead instructor, according to the development of the course material. Be alert in class for any announcements of changes.