The Ecumenical Institute of Theology
Summer 2015

ST 623 Theological Uses of Philosophy   **Dr. Chris Dreisbach**

Online 5/30 – 6/12, then Saturdays, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm; June 13, 20, 27

Pre-requisite: TH601

Course Description: A study of the role of philosophical thinking and of major philosophers in theology.
Course Objectives

Student Learning Outcomes By the end of this course, students will be able to…	Means of Assessment This outcome will be indicated by successful…
Identify the philosophical foundations of selected Christian theologians	- Completion of four critical reflection papers for possible discussion in class - Participation in evaluated class discussion online and face-to-face
Demonstrate skills in critical philosophical examination of texts and ideas	- Completion of four critical reflection papers for possible discussion in class - Completion of a final paper - Participation in evaluated class discussion online and face-to-face
Articulate their personal views about theology and philosophy in light of this study	- Completion of four critical reflection papers for possible discussion in class - Participation in evaluated class discussion online and face-to-face
Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of one topic in the relationship between theology and philosophy	Completion of a final paper

Coursed Structure
    Two Online Sessions
    Three Face-to-Face meetings

Required Readings
1.   Diogenes Allen and Eric O. Springsted, *Philosophy for Understanding Theology*, 2nd ed. (Atlanta: John Knox P, 2007);**ISBN-13:** 9780664231804
2.   Diogenes Allen and Eric O. Springsted, eds., *Primary Readings in Philosophy for Understanding Theology*, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox P, 1992);**ISBN-13:** 9780664252083
3.   John Paul II, *Fides et Ratio: On the Relationship Between Faith and Reason* (Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 1998); **ISBN-13:** 9780819826695. [NB: Any edition will do.]

Assignments
Four critical reflection papers   40% of course grade
Class Participation-online and face-to-face   20% of course grade
Final paper   40% of course grade