

ST601 Foundations of Systematic Theology

Goal

The goal of *Foundations of Systematic Theology* is to enable students to understand and think critically about the Christian doctrines like revelation, God, grace, sin, and salvation by paying attention to theological method and the history of the Christian theological tradition.

Reading Requirements

Students should expect to read 906 pages from the required texts listed below.

Writing Requirements

Students should expect to write at most twenty double-spaced pages. This will consist of **three** short papers six-seven pages in length. Each paper is worth 20% of the course grade

Other

In addition to reading, writing, and class participation, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded activities:

- a. An in-class final exam consisting of three essay questions and eight to ten objective questions. The exam represents 30% of the course grade.
- b. Depending on the class size, students will facilitate one to three twenty minute class discussions. 5% of grade.
- c. A group online discussion forum. 5% of grade.

Required Texts

Barth, Karl. *Credo*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2005 ISBN-13: 978-1597521192

Benedict XVI, and Michael J. Miller. *Credo for Today: What Christians Believe*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-1586172473

Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters*. New York: Image, 2004. ISBN-13: 9780385502481

Lochman, Jan Milič. *The Faith We Confess: An Ecumenical Dogmatics*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2005. ISBN-13: 978-1597520089

Van Harn, Roger. *Exploring and Proclaiming the Apostles' Creed*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Pub., 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0802821201