TH601 Introduction to Theological Study as Friendship

Goals
This course has multiple goals: 1) to introduce students to the ecumenical study of theology under the theme of friendship; 2) to survey the major disciplines of theological understanding: biblical, historical, systematic, moral, spiritual and practical; 3) to introduce the tools of theological research and writing; and 4) to develop competence in the techniques and strategies for graduate level critical reading, study and writing (including research papers).

Reading Requirements
Students should expect to read at most 750 pages of required reading from the books listed below.

Writing Requirements
Students should expect to write at most 24-28 double-spaced pages. These will be composed of the following:
1. Five bi-weekly reflections, 2 pages each (15% of grade)
2. Two journal article critiques/responses, 4-5 pages each (15% of grade)
3. Final research paper, 6-8 pages (40% of grade)

Other
In addition to reading, writing and class participation, students should expect to produce or participate in these additional graded learning activities:
1. Five bi-weekly online discussions, based on videos and class (15%)
2. Complete a library assignment that contributes to the research paper (5%)
3. Graded in-class participation (10%)

Required Texts