THEOLOGY & CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

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Courses (Credits)

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Written consent of the professor is required for registration in seminars. Seminars are not substitutes for core requirements.

Systematic Theology

THST521 **(3)**
Christian Theology I
Study of the interdisciplinary nature, sources, and methods of theology; the doctrines of God (the Trinity, foreknowledge, predestination), His works (creation, providence, the covenant, law and Sabbath), the Holy Spirit, and human beings (nature, image of God, and sin). For students without a prior degree in Theology.

THST522 **(3)**
Christian Theology II
Study of the doctrines of Christ (nature and works of atonement), salvation, the church (marks, ministry, and mission) and eschatology (Adventist, Christ-centered exploration of end-time prophecies and events). For students without a prior degree in Theology.

THST540 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of Salvation
A broad study of the Christine doctrine of Salvation: The author, object, need, agent, process, and result of salvation. Biblical, historical and systematic considerations are intrinsic to this course. While the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of this doctrine constitutes the central focus of the study, other views are also acknowledged.

THST555 **(2–3)**
Ecclesiology and the Practice of Ministry
Selected issues in ecclesiology related to the practice of ministry.

THST608 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of the Sabbath
Significance of the Seventh-day rest in the Old Testament, in the teachings of Christ and the apostles, and in Christian theology.

THST615 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of the Church
The nature, attributes, marks, and government of the Christian Church. Its relation to Christ, to the Scriptures, and to the Holy Spirit. The ordinances and the ministry.

THST616 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of God
A study of the nature and attributes of God and His relation to the world. Consideration of divine foreknowledge, predestination, and providence; the Trinity; God as person.

THST617 **(2–3)**
The Works of God
An in-depth study of such doctrines as creation, law and covenant, and Sabbath. Can be repeated for credit.

THST618 **(2-3)**
The Works of Christ
An in-depth study of such doctrines as atonement, salvation, and righteousness by faith. Can be repeated for credit.

THST619 **(2–3)**
Principles and Methods of Theology
The nature, function, and practice of constructive theological activity. Doing theology: What? Why? How? For advanced students.

THST630 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of Christ
The unique person of Christ: His pre-existence, virgin birth, and incarnation. The incarnate relation of His divinity and humanity. The meaning and implications of His death.

THST637 **(2–3)**
Biblical Eschatology
Adventist approach to a Christ-centered interpretation of the end-time prophecies regarding the judgment, the second coming of Christ, the kingdom of God, and the millennium in the Old and New Testaments on the basis of biblical principles of interpretation.

THST639 **(2–3)**
Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
The person and work of the Holy Spirit in the plan of redemption and the divine economy.

THST647 **(2–3)**
Human Nature and Destiny
Origin of humanity, the fall, and sin—its nature and effect. The nature of man, the doctrine of immortality. Man and woman as the image of God.

THST649 **(2–3)**
Seminar in Theological Issues
Study of issues such as Christology, anthropology, ecclesiology, contemporary theology, and Christian ethics. Repeatable. Available for PhD/ThD, MA, and select MDiv students.

THST940 **(3)**
Seminar in Systematic Theology
Selected issues in systematic theology. Can be repeated for credit.

Historical Theology

THST510 **(2–3)**
Understanding the Christian World
Reaching Roman Catholic, Protestant, Ecumenical, and post-denominational minds. Addressing the post-modern worldview,

as well as other challenges to the task of theology in general, and to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in particular. For students without a prior degree in Theology.

THST624 **(2–3)**
Protestant Theological Heritage
The most important positions of the great shapers of the Protestant tradition from the earliest times to the present.

THST625 **(2–3)**
Early Christian Theology
Study of the doctrinal development of the Church from the close of the apostolic age to Augustine in such themes as heresy, ethics, salvation, authority, and ecclesiology.

THST626 **(2–3)**
Modern Christian Theology
Study of the major doctrinal trends of the Church from Anselm to Wesley. Particular attention given to such themes as atonement, salvation, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

THST627 **(2–3)**
Roman Catholic Life & Thought
An introduction to Roman Catholic theology. Attention given to major doctrinal formulations, dogmas, and practices from the patristic period to the present in dialogue with Scripture.

THST628 **(2–3)**
Contemporary Theology
Study of major trends in 19th- and 20th-century theology, including liberalism and neo-orthodoxy, and such shapers of religious thought as Schleiermacher, Barth, and Bultmann viewed over the rise and development of Adventist theology.

THST629 **(2–3)**
Interchurch Dialogue
Analytical and critical study of the development, structures, problems, and theological implications of ecumenical and post-denominational movements. Evaluation and response from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective.

THST656 **(2–3)**
Seminar in Historical Theology
Development of theological tradition, movement, doctrine, or theme throughout the history of Judeo-Christian thought. Repeatable. Available for PhD/ThD, MA, and select MDiv students.

THST809 **(3)**
The Theology of Ellen G. White
Analytical study of major theological themes in the writings of E. G. White and their influence on Adventist theology. Repeatable.

THST830 **(3)**
Methods in Historical Theology
An orientation of a theological tradition, movement, doctrine, or theme throughout the history of Judeo-Christian thought. Repeatable.

THST964 **(3)**
Seminar in Historical Theology
Study of selected doctrinal and historical issues and systems. Repeatable.

Philosophy and Ethics

THST550 **(2–3)**
Principles of Christian Ethics
Study of the basic moral guidelines and ethical principles contained in the Bible. Application of these guidelines and principles to contemporary moral issues of special interest for Seventh-day Adventists.

THST600 **(2–3)**
Christian Personal Ethics
An application of Christian moral teachings to various personal issues and dilemmas with special emphasis on the moral habits and Christian character.

THST634 **(2–3)**
Christian Social Ethics
An exploration of selected issues currently confronting the church, such as ethnic relations, the role of women, nationalism and liberation theology, poverty and hunger, and relations with civil governments.

THST643 **(2–3)**
Christian Professional Ethics
An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to CHMN643.

THST644 **(2–3)**
Theological Ethics
Discussion and application of biblical teachings and normative models to decision making and standards of Christian behavior in the context of praxis of ministry. THST550 strongly recommended (expected for MDiv students) prior to this course.

THST659 **(2–3)**
Seminar in Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics
The interrelation between philosophical, theological, and ethical thought-forms and issues considered in the light of the biblical perspective. Available for PhD/ThD, MA, and select MDiv students.

THST660 **(2–3)**
Church and Society
Interdisciplinary analysis of the interrelatedness of church, its theology and task with the society as potential recipient of the Gospel; examination of structures and dynamics in church and society from biblical, theological, ethical, and sociological perspectives; formulation of a biblical word view vis-a-vis modern philosophies and ideologies.

THST667 **(2–3)**
Postmodernism and the Church
A critical study of the nature and ideological origins of the postmodern mind as it relates to both the theology and the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

THST676 **(2–3)**
History of Philosophy
An overview of classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy: an introduction to key figures such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, and Kant; and a

survey of recent developments such as process, existentialist, and analytical philosophy.

THST678 **(2–3)**
Science and Religion
The relation of scientific information and theory to Christian doctrines; theories of origin, geologic time, uniformity, and organic evolution as developed in the fields of historical geology and biology.

THST814 **(3)**
Seminar in Philosophy, Theology and Ethics
The interrelation between philosophical, theological and ethical thought-forms and issues considered in the light of the biblical perspective. Available for PhD/ThD, MA, and select MDiv students.

THST935 **(3)**
Seminar in Philosophical Theology

THST966 **(3)**
Seminar in Ethics
Selected issues in ethics from a Christian perspective. Repeatable.

Individual Studies

THST690 **(1–3)**
Independent Study
Restricted to advanced students. Selected problems in the field of theology. See general guidelines under Academic Information.

THST695 **(2–3)**
Topics _____
Course deals with selected themes. Can be used only by preapproval from the student's program director and the teacher. Repeatable with different topics.

THST890 **(1–6)**
Directed Reading in Systematic Theology
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST895 **(1–6)**
Directed Reading in Historical Theology
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

THST896 **(1–6)**
Directed Reading in Christian Ethics
Repeatable. May be graded S/U.

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MSSN 505 **(2–3)**
Christian Responses to Human Needs
Explores biblical models, historical examples, and development paradigms for Christian involvement in incarnational ministries.

MSSN525 **(2–3)**
Mission to the World
A broad introduction to Christian world missions. Includes aspects of mission history, the theological foundations of mission, intercultural perspectives of mission service, contemporary theoretical thought about missions, and basic relationships to other faiths.

MSSN 546 **(3)**
Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context
Explores missiological principles with an emphasis on the cultural and religious context, and the development of cultural sensitivity and cross-cultural communication skills for Christian witness. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN 561 **(3)**
Christian Witness and World Religions
Study of the history, writings, beliefs and practices in world religions such as Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism and the development of effective strategies for Christian witness. Required of all MDiv students.

MSSN584 **(2–4)**
Preparation for Mission Service
A general orientation for missionary candidates that aims to
(1) create an awareness of the actual missionary situation today;
(2) prepare mission appointees to meet this situation; and
(3) shape attitudes that are indispensable to a fruitful mission service.

MSSN610 **(2–3)**
Theology of Mission
The biblical foundation of mission—its essence, goals, motives, and the role of the church in mission. Prerequisite: MSSN546 or MSSN561.

MSSN615 **(2–3)**
Anthropology for Mission and Ministry
The fundamentals of culture, social structure, group organization, and social change studied as a basis for intercultural