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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form.

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information

SF4402 *Communities and Spiritual Formation*, 3 credit hours

Course Description

An evaluation of relationship between individual formation and one's own social setting. Emphasis placed on the investigation of structural evil and power relations and how they impact the formation of individuals. Individual responsibility for impacting their context is also addressed.

Prerequisites: TH-4402 The Church and Salvation; can be taken concurrently.

Course Objectives

By the completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the interrelationship between community and individual in spiritual formation
2. Analyze spiritually formative practices in relation to modern-day culture
3. Evaluate community practices and dynamics and their impact on spiritual formation
4. Create plans for fostering corporate and individual spiritual formation

Course Materials (required)

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

NOTE: Additional content or links to Internet content may be required and will be provided in the course.

Course Work

See the Syllabus page in the Blackboard course for general assignment instructions.

All course work is due according to the **Course Schedule**.

A. CLASS PARTICIPATION: Active participation is expected in this online course. Participation includes two main areas: content expectations (reading/listening/watching) and discussion boards (student interaction). Class Participation contributes significantly to the final course grade.

1. **Content Expectations:** The completion of the course reading, audio/video review, online articles, etc. is an important part of the course. You should complete these content expectations prior to your initial discussion board posting each week so you are able to discuss the concepts with others in the course.
2. **Discussion Boards:** You must maintain a significant presence in the discussion board. Refer to the discussion board instructions listed on the **Course Schedule** for more information on how your participation in the discussion board will be assessed. If not specified, **post your initial**

response to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm Central Time (CT)). Then read all other threads and **respond to at least two (2)** other student initial threads by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CT).

B. ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments are the primary means of assessing whether learning has transpired and may include papers, reports, exams, projects, and the like. Assignments are submitted through a link in Blackboard so they can be recorded in the Blackboard Grade Center. Your instructor will grade your assignments and return them through the Grade Center. Specific detail for each assignment is listed below and in Blackboard. All assignment are submitted by **Monday at 11:59pm Central Time (CT) unless otherwise stated** in the directions. Specific detail for each assignment is listed in the **Course Schedule** and in Blackboard.

Assessments

Grades for this course will consist of:

Assessment		Points	% of Grade
Class Participation:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content Reports (8 @ 4 pts each = 32 pts) Discussion Boards (8 @ 20 pts each = 160 pts) 		192	15%
A1-1	Summary Paper	50	5%
A2-1	Roles of Scripture and Community Essay	100	10%
A3-1	Story and Formation Essay	100	10%
A4-1	Doctrine of Sin Essay	100	10%
A5-1	Structural Evil Essay	100	10%
A6-1	Culture, Ethnicity, and Spiritual Formation Essay	100	10%
A7-1	Self-Deception and Spiritual Formation Essay	100	10%
A8-1	Spiritual Formation Philosophy Essay	200	20%
Totals:		1,042	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63 - 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%