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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

ST7704 Interdisciplinary Theology Seminar, 3 credit hours

Course Description

This course is a capstone course addressing selected issues in exegetical, practical, biblical, and systematic theology. It includes discussions and presentations of research.

Prerequisites: ST-5534, ST-5535, NT-6652, and OT-6603

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Communicate research findings that include complex exegetical information and detailed argument in a clear and orderly way
2. Make professional and academic judgments in a critical but constructive analysis of peer research and presentations observing professional and academic codes of conduct
3. Reflect critically and decide on current theological issues by recognizing biblical, theological, and ideological presuppositions, identifying hermeneutical and exegetical approaches, assessing argumentative strengths and weaknesses, and noting the practical ministry implications of various theological proposals
4. Express a detailed knowledge of the major areas of theology covered in the M.Div. curriculum and how they interface with Christian ministry and pastoral identity based on a wide ranging but critical study of the relevant literature and research results

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

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

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Saturday, 12:00am CDT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Tuesday, 12:00am CDT).

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Assignment List:

Assignment 1-1 Galatians Introductory Chart: Fill in the ONE-page chart that describes your conclusions concerning the SIX given introductory issues covered in the reading.

Assignment 1-2 Outline of Gospel, Christian Life, and Justification: Write a ONE-page summary outline of Moo's discussion of the gospel, the Christian life (ethics), and justification from pp. 32-33, 37-38, 48 and then provide your own bullet point definition of the gospel (use Logos for a study of εὐαγγέλιον and εὐαγγελίζω), the Christian life (ethics and law), justification (use Logos for a study of δικαιοῶ, δικαιοσύνη, and δίκαιος). Conclude with a statement of the way these definitions cohere with the accepted orthodox tradition on these matters.

Assignment 2-1 Seminar Paper 1 – Justification by Faith Argument Analysis: After reading *Galatians and Christian Theology* chapters 1-5 write an analysis of one of the chapters.

Assignment 2-2 Seminar Paper 1 Presentation: Present your Seminar Paper 1 by reading the paper. This reading is limited to 10 minutes (5-page paper takes 10 minutes to read, thus, you'll need to talk us through your 2-page seminar paper you submitted). The seminar paper must be video recorded and uploaded to a video-sharing website (YouTube or Vimeo) and the link included with a brief summary of your argument (250 word limit). After submitting your video, watch the video of at least 1 other student and provide a professional, academic, and constructive analysis of their research and presentation.

Assignment 3-1 Martin Luther's Reading of Galatians 3:6-14 Chart: Put together a ONE page chart that highlights Martin Luther's understanding of Galatians 3:6-14.

Assignment 3-2 Position Paper 1 – Soteriology: Put together or revise your existing position and synthesis papers addressing the assigned topics. 4 pages required.

Assignment 4-1 Seminar Paper 2 – Galatians 2:15-21: The Gospel and Practical Ministry: Write a seminar paper building on Galatians 2:15-21 that describes and defines your understanding of the gospel.

Assignment 4-2 Seminar Paper 2 Recording: Present your Seminar Paper 2 by reading the paper. This reading is limited to 10 minutes (a 5 page paper takes 10 minutes to read, thus, you'll need to talk us through your 2 page seminar paper you submitted). The seminar paper must be video recorded and uploaded to a video-sharing website (YouTube or Vimeo) and the link included with a brief summary of your argument (250 word limit). After submitting your video, watch the video of at least 1 other student and provide a professional, academic, and constructive analysis of their research and presentation.

Assignment 5-1 Position Paper 2 – Patrology, Christology, and Pneumatology: Put together a position/synthesis paper addressing the assigned topics. 4 pages

Assignment 5-2 Bible Study Outline on Galatians 4:21-31: Put together a small group Bible study on a Gospel-centered understanding of Galatians 4:21-31.

Assignment 6-1 Sermon 1 – Galatians 5:16-24: Preach a **20-30** minute expository sermon using the Big Idea approach to preaching taught in the M.Div. program on Galatians 5:16-24. This sermon must be video recorded and uploaded to a video-sharing website (YouTube or Vimeo) and the link included with the submission of the final form of the sermon outline/manuscript/summary.

Assignment 6-2 Position Paper 3 – Ecclesiology: Put together a position/synthesis paper addressing the assigned topics. 2 pages required.

Assignment 7-1 Position Paper 4 – Bibliology and Eschatology: Put together a position/synthesis paper addressing the assigned topics. 3 pages required.

Assignment 7-2 Sermon 2 – Galatians 6:11-18: Preach a **30-40** minute expository sermon using the Big Idea approach to preaching taught in the M.Div. program. The sermon must be video recorded and uploaded to a video-sharing website (YouTube or Vimeo) and the link included with the submission of the final form of the sermon outline/manuscript/summary.

Assessments

Assessments	% of Total
Discussions (10 posts with 1 response per post)	20
Assignment 1-1 Chart	5
Assignment 1-2 Outline	5
Assignment 2-1 Seminar Paper 1	5
Assignment 2-2 Seminar Paper 1 Recording	5
Assignment 3-1 Chart	5
Assignment 3-2 Position Paper	5
Assignment 4-1 Seminar Paper 2	5
Assignment 4-2 Seminar Paper 2 Recording	5
Assignment 5-1 Position Paper	5
Assignment 5-2 Bible Study Outline	5
Assignment 6-1 Sermon	10
Assignment 6-2 Position Paper	5
Assignment 7-1 Position Paper	5
Assignment 7-2 Sermon	10
Total:	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work

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