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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.

MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

TH 1110, The Church and Its Doctrines, 3 hours

Course Description

A foundational course using primarily a Bible Doctrine approach, which surveys basic doctrines of the Church and their implications for the Church. Specifically, the course will survey the following within the context of historic and contemporary Christianity: Theology Proper, Christology, Anthropology, Bibliology, Soteriology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Special attention will be paid to key terms, concepts, and biblical texts. This course is an introduction to, and overview of, basic theology.

Course Goals

In General: The overarching goal of this course is to answer the question, “Who are we at Moody?” Our answer is, “We are Christian, we are Protestant, we are Dispensational.”

More Specifically: This course is designed to:

- Provide you with a basic theological framework
- Demonstrate theology’s connection to the church, and its relevance to ministry
- Engender a love of theology as the context for worshipful knowledge of God Himself
- Help you understand the theological distinctives of Moody Bible Institute
- Give you an understanding of the basic theological differences in Christianity broadly defined
- Prepare you for advanced theological courses at Moody Bible Institute

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe the theological perspectives or outlooks of various portions of the Bible
2. List the basic categories of Systematic Theology, and explain the central doctrines and key concepts in each
3. Identify the important Bible verses or passages connected with various doctrines
4. Summarize the basic theological outlooks for various eras of Historical and Dogmatic Theology
5. Discuss the relevance of theology for life in the world today, with an appreciation for theological application to contemporary issues

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

1. **READING REPORTS:** You will be required to read the textbook in its entirety (6 chapters each week for the 48 chapters).
2. **MINI-LECTURES:** You will listen to eight (8) Audio/Visual Mini-Lectures. These lectures consist of PowerPoint presentations accompanied by audio.
3. **WEEKLY EXAMS:** You will be required to take eight (8) closed-book Weekly Exams. The exams will consist of 25 objective questions (two points each), drawn from the textbook assignment and Mini-Lecture for the week.
4. **DISCUSSIONS:** You will be actively involved in discussion with your classmates.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

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| Reading Reports (48 X 10 points) | 480 pts |
| Weekly Exams (8 x 50 pts) | 400 pts |
| Discussion Boards (8 x 5 x 2 pts) | 80 pts |
| Mini-Lectures (8 x 5 pts) | 40 pts |
| TOTAL | 1000 pts |

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

| Letter Grade | Percentage Equivalent | Letter Grade | Percentage Equivalent |
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| 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% |

Course Policies

LATE WORK

Late work is discouraged, but in extreme circumstances, it may be accepted up to two weeks after the lesson for which it was due. Since the weekly reading reports, exams, and lecture-viewing reports close at the end of each lesson, students must notify the professor by email if they wish to submit a late assignment. The following penalties will be assessed:

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| Reading | 4 pts per chapter read 1-7 days late | 8 pts per chapter read 8-14 days late |
| Exams | 5 pts per exam taken 1-7 days late | 10 pts per exam taken 8-14 days late |
| Mini-Lectures | 2 pts per lecture viewed 1-7 days late | 4 pts per lecture viewed 8-14 days late |

Discussion Board Posts, however, may NOT be made up. The purpose of the Discussion Board is to interact with your classmates. Once the discussion has moved on to the next week's lesson, there is little reason to post into the boards when no one is viewing the material anymore.

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Course Resources

MINI-LECTURES

Blackboard will give you access to eight (8) Mini-Lectures that correspond to the eight divisions of theology, as follows: Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Bibliology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. The lectures will provide a learning avenue in addition to the textbook reading as a means of assimilating the material. Another purpose of these lectures is to bring the on-campus version of the course into alignment with the course as it is offered via distance learning.

Course Bibliography

The textbook has extensive bibliographies that do not need to be reproduced in the syllabus.