



Theological Foundations Syllabus

Term: 2011-12

Teacher: Mr. Chip Welch
cwelch@veritassavannah.org

Course Description

Serving as an introduction to theological studies, this course provides the necessary foundations and categories for students to engage in more robust theological courses as they progress through the curriculum. Emphasis is placed on the development of a Biblical worldview and on understanding the major theological ideas that have developed throughout church history. Students will engage with primary sources that are theological, literary, and historical in nature. By the end of this course, students will be equipped to understand their world Biblically and view all that they learn through a theological lens.

Readings

First Semester

Olson, Roger, *The Story of Christian Theology*, ISBN-13: 9780830815050

Second Semester

Bainton, Roland, *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*, ISBN-13: 9780452011465

Van Gelder, Craig, *The Missional Church and Denominations*, ISBN-13: 9780802863584

Materials

Bible (NIV or RSV)

Notebook

Evaluation

Reading and Participation	15%
Writing Assignments	15%
Quizzes	30%
Tests	40%

Course Outline

1st Semester

<u>Week(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1-3	Olson	Israel/Covenant Theology
4-6	Olson	Early Church
7-9	Olson	Systematic Theology/TEST
10-12	Olson	Church and Polis
13-15	Olson	Roman Centralization

16-18	Olson	Church Scholasticism/TEST SEMESTER EXAM
2nd Semester		
<u>Week(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1-3	Olson/Bainton	Seeds of the Reformation
4-6	Olson/Bainton	Reformation/Luther
7-9	Olson	Counter-Reformation/TEST
10-12	Van Gelder	Rise of Protestantism
13-15	Olson/Van Gelder	Fragmentation of Protestantism
16-18	Olson/Van Gelder	Recovering the Mission SEMESTER EXAM