

might come to a more complete understanding of different Christian theological viewpoints about God through history and across denominational lines.

Methodology

Rather than simply provide a text, this course will follow a special methodology. Each week the professor will lecture on a set of topics as found in the calendar below. These lectures will be recorded, and the audio recordings (along with any visual materials) will be posted to a special course website. The students may refer to these materials in the preparation of their exams.

Workload and assessment

Each student is expected to attend the lectures and is responsible for the material taught during those lectures. *Students are highly encouraged to form study groups to be able to complete each others' lecture notes.*

The final grade will be determined by two exams. The final exam is non-cumulative. The students will have access to study questions to help them prepare for the exams.

Mid-term exam	50%
Final exam	50%

The conversion table for converting number grades to letter grades is as follows:

A+	95-100	B+	80-84.5	C+	67-69.5	D+	57-59.5
A	90-94.5	B	75-79.5	C	63-66.5	D	53-6.5
A-	85-89.5	B-	70-74.5	C-	60-62.5	D-	50-52.5

The failing grades are as follows:

FNS	this is your grade if your total is below 50%; the "NS" refers to the fact that there is no supplemental exam
FNS-DNW	this is your grade if your grade is below 50% and you did not write the final exam (this is the meaning of the DNW)
NR	this is your grade if you wrote neither the mid-term nor the final; your grade is therefore zero

Students with disabilities are expected to apply to the Office for Disabled Students should they require special consideration for the course. Students unable to meet the evaluation requirements due to illness or other personal causes should speak with the professor to see if alternate arrangements can be made.

Schedule of topics and exams

Note: the order of these topics may be rearranged by the teacher should this prove necessary. As well, the teacher reserves the right to introduce substitute topics.

Date of course	Course content
January 7	Presentation of the course outline. Clarification of terms: “Christian” and “understanding” A survey of theological “isms”
January 14	Atheism, agnosticism, fideism and faith The attributes of God knowable to reason alone
January 21	Roots: the Hebrew understanding of God
January 28	The revelation of God in Jesus: incarnation and pneumatology
February 4	The articulation of classical theism: early church councils
February 11	The development of classical theism: middle ages + renaissance
February 18	Mid-term exam (50%)
February 25	READING WEEK
March 4	Responses to classical theism: Enlightenment to today
March 11	Outstanding issues: God and time, feminist critiques, pluralism
March 18	Christianity and Islam on God
March 25	The Christian understanding of God: who God is
April 1	The Christian understanding of God: how God acts
April 8	The Christian understanding of God: how we relate to God