

**COS 122: THEOLOGY IN THE WESLEYAN SPIRIT**  
**COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF OHIO**  
January 16 - March 6 - Winter 2016

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**I. Course Description:**

This course introduces the student to theological reflection in the Wesleyan tradition. Basic terms, tasks, and methods of Christian theology will be introduced. Representative classical themes will be define and illustrated. The course provides a foundation for further historical and theological study.

**II. Required Textbooks:**

(1) Campbell, Ted A., *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials* (Abingdon Press, 1999), ISBN: 9780687034758

(2) Collins, Kenneth, *The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace*, (Abingdon Press, 2007), ISBN: 978-0687646333

(3) Gonzales, Justo L. and Perez, Zaida Maldonado, *An Introduction to Christian Theology* (Abingdon Press, 2002), ISBN: 9780687095735

(4) *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, 2012 (UMPH, 2012).

**III. Goals**

**Students will be able to:**

- a. Examine their understanding of faith, sin, salvation, grace and the place of doctrine in the life of the church.
- b. Use and understand classical theological themes and terms.
- c. Critically consider the sources of theological reflection, including scripture, tradition, reason and experience.
- d. Reflect theologically as a resource for pastoral ministry.

**IV. Course Schedule and Assignments:**

Course Schedule: Online Environment: **January 17-February 27, 2016.** On Campus Weekend: January 17-18, 2016.

□ This course utilizes the online environment after the initial weekend meeting on the United Campus. Typical work online includes watching or listening to lectures, engaging in discussion groups, and/or writing reflections.

All online engagement will be complete by February 27, 2016. On Campus Weekend: **January 17-18, 2016**

□ The On -Campus Weekend will begin at 2:30 on Friday and end by 2:30pm on Saturday. Friday class is 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with a dinner break at 5:00 pm; Saturday resumes at 8:30 am, with chapel at 11:15 am, lunch at noon, and class concludes at 2:30.

Final Semester Project: Write a 15-20 pp. paper on Wesleyan theology including all of the loci discussed in class. Paper due March 6.

Grades will be handed into the COSSO office by no later than 30 days after the last day of class.

### **January 15 – Lecture**

- **Authority and Learning Part 1**
- **Essential Non-Essential**
- **God**
- **Humanity**
- **Jesus Christ**
- **Holy Spirit**

### **January 16 – Lecture**

- **Salvation (Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Sanctifying Grace, Glorifying Grace)**
- **The Church, Discipleship and Mission**
- **Eschatology**
- **The Means of Grace, Authority and Learning Part 2 and the Continuing the Journey of Theology**

### **January 17 - 23**

- **Book Review of Campbell text due**
- **Discussion post - God**
- **Read Collins Text**

### **January 24 - 30**

- **Book Review of Gonzalez text due**
- **Discussion Post - Humanity**
- **Read Collins text**

**January 31 – February 6**

- **Book Review of Collins text due**
- **Discussion post – Jesus Christ**

**February 7 – February 13**

**\* Discussion post – Holy Spirit**

**February 14 – February 20**

**\* Discussion post - Salvation and Humanity**

**February 21 – February 27**

**\* Discussion post – Entire Sanctification and The Church**

**\* March 5 – Final paper due**

**IV. Course Requirements:**

(1) **Class Attendance and Participation**: You will actively and thoughtfully participate as a member of this learning community, both on campus and online (**20 % of final grade**). The timely completion of assigned reading will comprise part of this grade.

(2) **Assigned Reading & Reports**: You will read all assigned texts within the timeframe assigned for the class. You will give a reading report on the Campbell, Gonzalez and Collins texts. See online for format (**30% of final grade**).

(4) **Final Semester Project** – Final Paper (**50% of final grade**): At the end of our course, you will write a 15-20 pp on Wesleyan Theology using our texts that includes the following sections:

God (2pp)

Humanity (1pp)

Jesus Christ (2pp)

Holy Spirit (2pp)

Salvation (4pp) – Justification, Regeneration, Witness of the Spirit and Entire Sanctification

The Church (2pp) – discipleship and mission

Eschatology (1pp)

Application (2pp) – in your local setting this 2 page portion of the paper is dealing with an aspect of UM theology mutually agreed between the professor and student that is

apropos in your local setting. The goal is for the portion of the paper to deal with an issue of particular relevance to the student's ministry. (This final portion is 20% of your final grade).

V. Course Grading: Your class grade is based on 100 points.

(1) Class Participation: 20%) (2) Assigned Reading & Reports: 15% each = 30%) (3) Final Paper: (50%)

### **ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY**

The Course of Study School of Ohio requires that all material submitted by a student in fulfilling academic requirements must be the original work of the student. Violations of academic honor include any action by a student indicating lack of integrity in academic ethics. Violations include, but are not limited to, cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes seeking, acquiring, receiving or passing on information about the content of an examination prior to its authorized release or during its administration. Cheating also includes seeking, using, giving or obtaining unauthorized assistance in any academic assignment or examination. Plagiarism is the act of presenting the published or unpublished words or ideas of another [including online resources] as if it were one's own work. A writer's work should be regarded as his or her own property. Any person who knowingly (whether intentionally or unintentionally) uses a writer's distinctive work without proper acknowledgement is guilty of plagiarism. A student found guilty of a violation of the academic honor policy, after a review of the case, may be subject to one or more of the following actions:

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(1) warning (2) probation (3) suspension for the remainder of the course (4) dismissal from the Course of Study School of Ohio (5) failing grade for the course.

Regardless of the outcome, a letter will be sent to the student's District Superintendent and Board of Ordained Ministry