

UNITED METHODIST COURSE OF STUDY
Course of Study School of Ohio

COURSE 522 – Theology in The Contemporary Church
Spring 2017

Meeting Dates: ON Campus – March 10-11, 2017 ONLINE – March 12 to April 29

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Course Description:

This course covers significant individuals, movements, events, and theological developments from the nineteenth century to the present. Students will read selected primary sources.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand the origins and theological tenets of liberalism from the early 19th century to the present, including its influence on ecumenism and process theology.
2. Understand and distinguish reactions to liberalism, including Fundamentalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, and Evangelicalism.
3. Understand the historical development and theology of the Holiness Movement, Pentecostalism, and the Charismatic Movement.
4. Understand the origins and tenets of Liberation and Contextual theologies.

Required Readings:

Daniel Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, Third Edition (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014).

Kelly M. Kopic, *A Little Book for New Theologians: Why and How to Study Theology* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2012)

PRE-WORK: Read Kopic (all)

MODULE ONE – ON CAMPUS,

MODULE TWO – ONLINE March 12

Read: Migliore, chaps 1 and 2

MODULE THREE – ONLINE March 19

Read: Migliore, chaps 3 and 4

MODULE FOUR – ONLINE – March 26

Read: Migliore, chaps 5 and 6

MODULE FIVE – ONLINE – April 2

Read: Migliore, chaps 7 and 8

MODULE SIX – ONLINE – April 9

Read: Migliore, chaps 9 and 10

MODULE SEVEN – ONLINE – April 16

Read: Migliore, chaps 11 and 12

MODULE EIGHT – ONLINE – April 23

Read: Migliore, chaps 13 and 14

METHOD OF DETERMINING GRADE:

1. CLASS PARTICIPATION:

- For the community of learning to be most effective, we all need to be engaged. Online engagement will be discussed on the opening weekend of class will be graded for level and depth of participation.
- Absences are, frankly, not possible for the online portion of the class. You have six days for each module. You must find time during those six days. In class sessions cannot be excused.
- **Church duties are not an excuse for absence.** Your appointment to a local church takes into account the need for school preparation. As part of your appointment, you are expected to be present. If this creates a problem, please speak to me as soon as possible.
- Part of each in-class session will be devoted to a group discussion. Your participation in the group discussion will determine a portion of the grade.

2. RESPONSE POSTS ON COURSE SITE:

Online modules of this course will include a weekly “Synopsis” and “Discussion” forums. See the course site for further description of these assignments.

3. DISPUTATION EXERCISE:

At some point during the term (any time between March 12 and April 29), students will complete the Disputation exercise posted in Canvas. See the module on the course site for further, detailed instructions.

4. GRADE CALCULATION:

Class Participation 20%

Response Posts on Canvas 50%

Disputation Exercise 20%

Total 100%

5.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:

- (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.