

TH601 Introduction to Theological Study

Instructor	Dr. Brent Laytham
Schedule	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	An introduction to theological study generally (including its historical, systematic, moral, and ecumenical dimensions). Students will develop their ability to read, think, speak, and write appreciatively and critically, through a focus on unity and difference in Christian belief and practice.
Requirements	Reading: Students will read about 800 pages of required reading over the semester.
	Writing: Students will write several ungraded, and four graded papers, beginning with an ungraded reflection (1 page) and culminating in a short research paper (7-8 pages). Total writing for the class is about 18-22 pages.
	Other Assignments: weekly reading (usually about 40-50 pages), regular responding by posting or completing a survey in Canvas (less than weekly)

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, <i>The Love that God Is: An Invitation to Christian Faith</i> (Eerdmans, 2020)	978-0802877956	\$20	140
Edgardo Colón-Emeric and Mark Gorman, <i>The Saving Mysteries of Jesus Christ</i> (Cascade, 2019)	978-1532676062	\$18	85
Mari Rapela Heidt, <i>A Guide for Writing about Theology and Religion</i> (Anselm Academic, 2012)	978-1599820033	\$18	various