

Wesley Theological Seminary
Course of Study
Philadelphia Satellite School | Spring Term

March 15-16, 2019 at the Exton Comfort Inn
April 27 and May 11, 2019 at West Chester UMC

CS 122: Theological Heritage 1: Introduction

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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 defined and illustrated. The course provides a foundation for further historical and theological study.

Students will be able to:

1. Examine their understanding of faith, sin, salvation, grace and the place of doctrine in the life of the Church.
2. Use and understanding of classical theological terms and themes.
3. Critically consider the courses of theological reflection, including Scripture, tradition, experience and reason.
4. Reflect theologically as a resource for pastoral ministry.

Required text include:

Campbell, Ted. *Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials*, Revised Edition (Abingdon, 2011)

Gonzalez, Justo and Zaida Perez, *An Introduction to Christian Theology* (Abingdon 2002)

Yrigoyen, Charles Jr. *Belief Matters: United Methodism's Doctrinal Standards* (Abingdon Press)

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016

The United Methodist Hymnal 1989

Reading Assignments:

1. Pre-course reading for March 15-16: Gonzalez, Perez – pp 9-76; UM BOD pp. 80 - 91.
2. For April 27: Gonzalez, Perez – pp 77-158.
3. For May 11; Campbell pp 9-128

Requirements:

1. Class attendance – all scheduled classes
2. Participation in class discussion
3. Completion of reading assignments (see above)
4. Written assignment to be submitted no later than the first day of class, March 15, 2019. Please email to: jyrigoyen@cs.com or bring a hard copy to class.

This course will not use blackboard.

Write a four-page to five-page essay on each of the following questions:

- a. What sources does a local pastor employ in developing a theology for ministry?
- b. How does a local pastor employ theology in a local United Methodist congregation?

Essays should be printed on 8x 10 paper, double spaces in times New Roman with 12-point font. Identify all sources of any quotes or borrowed ideas employed in your essays (including biblical references).