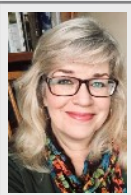


# SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

## Syllabus | TH-231-M | Bible & Theology

### Lead Instructor



*Hello!* I am Lisa Quintana, the Lead Instructor for this course which means that I manage the classes, attending each one to host the

guest lecturers, occasionally teach, conduct the exams and do the grading.

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### Academic Dean

Dr. Greg Pecheck is the Academic Dean for Christian Life College, Madison. He oversees the program, giving wisdom and direction.



He's been preaching for decades! Questions about CLC-M? Email: [gpechacek@citychurchonline.org](mailto:gpechacek@citychurchonline.org)

### Class: when/where?

Thursday evenings, September 4, 2025 to December 18, 2025, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at **Abundant Life Christian School**, 4901 E. Buckeye Rd., Madison, (upstairs room 202).



## Why Take This Course?

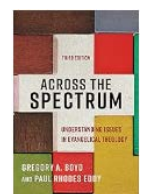
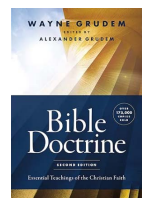
Systematic Theology I is the first part of a study in the foundations of Christian Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Scripture, God, man and the person of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to the ministry of the Body in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation

## Textbooks You Need to Purchase

1. *Bible Doctrine: 2nd Edition: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith* by Wayne Grudem (Zondervan, 2022). *This textbook will be used again for Part II, Fall 2026.*

2. *Across the Spectrum: 3rd Edition: Understanding Issues in Christian Theology* by Gregory A. Boyd and Paul R. Eddy (Baker, 2022)

3. You should also have a good "word-for-word" translation of the Bible, like NASB, ESV or NET.





## Learning Objectives

1. This course is designed to help you be able to articulate the meaning of key theological terms and concepts.
2. You will be able to explain the nature and necessity of Systematic Theology including the significance of theological thinking and interpretation.
3. You will be able to develop personal positions on these doctrines within a biblical framework utilizing a proper theological method.
4. You will also be able to: define each doctrine with accuracy, provide biblical support for them, and identify deviations or false expressions of key doctrines.
5. You will be able communicate biblical answers to key theological questions raised by the church and the culture that pertains to these doctrines.
6. You will be able to identify critical and controversial issues in Christian theology.

# Assignments & Requirements

**Weekly Scripture Memory Quiz** - 10 points each. Each week, at the end of the textbook reading chapter, there is a passage of Scripture to memorize. You will be asked to write that out on paper in class as a quiz.

**Term Paper** - Students will write a 2,500 - 3,000-word paper on one of the following theological issues found in Boyd, *Across the Spectrum*:

- The Inspiration Debate (Inerrantist or Infallibilist)
- The Genesis Debate (Young Earth or Old Earth)
- The Divine Image Debate (Substantial, Functional or Relational)
- The Hell Debate (Eternal, Annihilation, or Universalist)
- The Christology Debate (Classical or Kenotic view)
- The Women in Ministry Debate (Complementarian or Egalitarian)

All papers must use **MLA** formatting. See Lead Instructor for more details.

**Mid-term & Final Exams** - There will be two examinations (see the course schedule, pg. 5) based on the main textbook by Grudem and lectures.

**Attendance** is mandatory. After three excused absences, your grade may be adversely affected. A short email to me, describing the nature and extent of the absence, will suffice. Unexcused absences will receive a reduction in grade after the first and subsequent unexcused absences.

**Class participation** - contribute to discussions to earn extra points.

**Reading.** On Google Classroom, report weekly on how much of the reading you completed. 10 points.

**Make up quizzes/exams** - If you miss a Scripture quiz, you can make it up by coming in :30 minutes early before the next class to take it. **Missing a midterm or final exam is not optional** unless you have an emergency or are sick. In that case, it is your responsibility to contact the lead instructor to schedule a make up time within one week of the previous exam.

All unexcused late work will receive a reduction in points per each day late.



### Class Grade Points

Midterm	25%
Final	25 %
Term Paper	25%
Reading	12%
Verse Quizzes	12%
Extras	1%

## College Grading System

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>GPA</i>
A	93-100	Excellent	4.00
A-	90-92		3.67
B+	88-89	Very Good	3.33
B	83-87	Good	3.00
B-	80-82	Above Average	2.67
C+	78-79		2.33
C	73-77	Average	2.00
C-	70-72		1.67
D+	68-69	Below Average	1.33
D	63-67	Passing	1.00
D-	60-62		.67
F	0-59	Failure	.00
I		Incomplete	

## CLC Adjunct Faculty

*We are blessed to draw from some of the best Bible teachers/pastors in the Madison area to teach this Fall semester:*

Paul Allen  
YWAM - Madison  
MA, University of the Nations

Tom Flaherty  
Lead Pastor, City Church  
MCM, Olivet Nazarene University

Isaac Fleming  
Former Pastor (Living Waters Church)  
MDiv, Asbury Theological Seminary

Biju George  
MA Theology (ethics professor)  
Faith Theological Seminary, Kerala, India

Bob Grahmann  
Senior Ambassador InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
Mdiv, New Brunswick Theological Seminary ThM,  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
PhD Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Karrie Landsverk  
Pastor, Living Gospel Church, Rio  
MA & PhD Christian Leadership University

Paul Lundgren  
Pastor, Gateway Community Church  
MDiv, Denver Seminary

Greg Pechacek  
Associate Pastor, City Church  
MAR, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
DMin, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Lisa Quintana  
Christian Apologist/Lead Instructor, City Church  
MA, Biola University - Talbot School of Theology

Craig Robertson  
Senior Pastor, New Crossing Church  
MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Gill Robertson  
Associate Pastor, New Crossing Church  
MMin, Grace Theological Seminary

Adam Tomlinson  
Pastor, Westwood Christian Church  
MDiv, Emmanuel Christian Seminary,  
Milligan College

Devin White  
Fellow in Biblical Studies, Lumen Center  
MTS, Chandler School of Theology  
PhD, Emory University



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## Course Expectations & Costs

### EXTENSIONS

There will be **no extensions** in this class except for extenuating family emergencies or medical reasons. "Incompletes" occur when class work is not completed during the semester. An incomplete will automatically become an "F" 30-days after the semester ends.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at CLCM and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of research materials.

### CREDIT

The current cost for 3 credits is \$400. At least half of tuition is due the first class (or before), and the final half before the 4th class. Other arrangements may be made if done with prior approval.

Students who pay in full at or before the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who register and pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive an additional \$25 discount.

Successful completion of this course will result in 3 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree in Christian Studies from Christian Life College, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

### AUDIT

This course may be audited for a lecture fee of \$170. Students who pay in full at or before the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who register and pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive a \$50 discount. Audit students have no reading, paper, or exam requirements, but are urged to keep up with the reading and lecture schedule to get the maximum benefit of the course.

All fees must be paid in full by the 4th week of the semester.

CLCM grads can also audit for only \$50 per course.

**Observation:** We allow a one-time (no-fee) observation of up to three classes to determine if you want to sign up for a future course.

**Application Fee** - for 1st time applicants.

"Registration and Application fee" of \$25 which must accompany the application of new students for credit or audit.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

All dates and assignments are tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the Lead Instructor according to the development of the course material. Be alert in class for any announcements of changes.

Date	Lecture Topic	Assignment	Lecturer
<i>September 4</i> <i>Week 1</i>	Course Orientation & Prolegomena	Grudem, chap. 1 Read <i>Across the Spectrum</i> (Boyd) introduction	Greg Pechacek
<i>September 11</i> <i>Week 2</i>	Biblical Authority & Inerrancy	Grudem, chap. 2 & Boyd ch.1 & memory passage quiz	Isaac Fleming
<i>September 18</i> <i>Week 3</i>	Biblical Necessity & Sufficiency	Grudem, chap. 3; Boyd ch. 9 & 10. & memory passage quiz	Paul Lundgren
<i>September 25</i> <i>Week 4</i>	The Attributes of God	Grudem, chaps. 4 & 5; Boyd ch. 11 & 12. & memory passage quiz	Paul Allen
<i>October 2</i> <i>Week 5</i>	The Trinity	Grudem, chap. 6; Boyd 12 & 13. & memory passage quiz	Devin White
<i>October 9</i> <i>Week 6</i>	Creation	Grudem, chap. 7; Boyd ch. 4 & memory passage quiz	Adam Tomlinson
<i>October 16</i> <i>Week 7</i>	God's Providence & Prayer	Grudem, chap. 8 & 9; Boyd ch. 2 & 3 & memory passage quiz	Karrie Landsverk
<i>October 23</i> <i>Week 8</i>	<b>Midterm</b>	<b>Exam</b>	Lisa Quintana
<i>October 30</i> <i>Week 9</i>	Angels, Satan & Demons	Grudem, chap. 10; Boyd ch. 16 & 17 & memory passage quiz	Isaac Fleming



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<i>November 6 Week 10</i>	The Image of God & Gender	Grudem, chaps. 11 & 12; Boyd ch. 5 & 15 & memory passage quiz	Biju George
<i>November 13 Week 11</i>	Sin	Grudem, chap. 13; Boyd ch. 7 & 8 & memory passage quiz	Craig Robertson
<i>November 20 Week 12</i>	The Person of Christ	Grudem, chap. 14; Boyd ch. 6 <b>no quiz</b> Work on your paper	Gill Robertson
<i>November 27 Week 13</i>	Thanksgiving Break	<b>No Class</b> (Recommend working on your paper)	N/A
<i>December 4 Week 14</i>	The Atonement & Resurrection	Grudem, chap. 15 & 16 <b>no quiz</b> Work on your paper	Bob Grahmann & Lisa Quintana
<i>December 11 Week 15</i>	The Person, Work & Issues of the Holy Spirit	Handout: Erickson ch. 28-30 <b>Term Paper Due</b> - Study for final -	Tom Flaherty
<i>December 18 Week 16</i>	<b>FINAL</b>	<b>Exam</b>	Lisa Quintana



## Course Workload

In a 3-unit college class, it is expected that approximately 130 + hours of course work is involved. This includes the lecture time in class and homework. For a 16-week semester, this equals to about 9-hours of work per week. Most of this will be reading, studying for exams and doing research on your term paper.

The Lead Instructor may change the syllabus to allow you to study for exams or write your papers. Keep an eye out for announcements!