

#341 Survey of Theology 1  
Western Reformed Seminary (www.wrs.edu)  
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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### ***Course goals***

The seminary catalog describes the subject matter of this course as follows: “Prolegomena; revelation; theology proper, the Trinity, creation, providence; anthropology; hamartiology.” In this course the student will become familiar with the orthodox and reformed views of natural and special revelation, the doctrines of God, the Trinity, creation and providence, humanity, and the origin, nature, and consequences of sin. Topics that are controversial today (such as the inerrancy of Scripture, the divine determination of all things, the unique creation of humans, and the reality of sin) will receive special attention. The course will involve lectures, reading, responses to direct questions, and a special project.

### ***Required reading***

A. A. Hodge, *Outlines of Theology* (1879 edition), ch. 1-21 (pp. 15-366)

### ***Elective reading***

In addition to the required reading assignment, each student is to read a total of 300 pages or 15 clock hours in the fields covered in this course. While these books are the choice of the student, they must be of standard quality and scholarly level. Keep a log of your reading; this log must be turned in to complete the assignment.

### ***Special presentation***

Each student will make a class presentation by taking a faulty position regarding the a topic covered in this class which is presented by some group or writer, accurately presenting that view and its main support, then providing a refutation of that view. One copy of the outline of the presentation is to be given to each member of the class at the time of the presentation. These will be summary presentations, and should take about 25 minutes.

## **Grading**

Required Reading	20%
Elective Reading	15%
Special Presentation	15%
Midterm Examination	25%
Final Examination	25%

Attendance and class participation may affect the final grade, either positively or negatively.

## **Class schedule**

Jan.	27	Introduction to the course
Feb.	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
Mar.	3	
	10	REQUIRED READING DUE
	17	MIDTERM EXAMINATION
	24	
	31	(Spring Recess)
Apr.	7	
	14	SPECIAL PRESENTATION DUE
	21	
	28	ELECTIVE READING DUE
May	5	
	12	FINAL EXAMINATION