

# COURSE DETAIL

## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**Country**

Japan

**Host Institution**

International Christian University

**Program(s)**

International Christian University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Religious Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

## **Course Description**

Systematic theology seeks to think and speak both faithfully and carefully about God -- and everything in relation to God. Whereas biblical studies often focuses on the original meaning of individual biblical texts, systematic theology unpacks key Christian ideas and investigates how they relate to each other. It asks questions like such as, How can God be truly sovereign and humans truly free? Does God choose or elect some people -- and if so, for what purpose, and how does God remain fair and just? How can God be both the one God and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How can the execution of an innocent person (Jesus) lead to the salvation of others? How can there be so much suffering in this world if God is truly good?

This course introduces Christian systematic theology by exploring key questions like these in conversation with excerpts from important texts in the Christian tradition. Along the way, the class considers the nature of the academic discipline of "systematic theology." How should it proceed, methodologically? How does it relate to other disciplines? What kind of knowledge can it produce? How does it relate to the Christian life? The ultimate goal is that all participants in the class, whether Christian or non-Christian, sharpen their thinking about Christianity and Christian theology through careful engagement with texts and discussions with one another.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

PHR245E

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### **Host Institution Campus**

International Christian University

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Philosophy and Religion

**Course Last Reviewed**

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