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

Host Institution Course Title
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Host Institution Campus
International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Philosophy and Religion

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