

INDS/THEO 589: THINKING THEOLOGICALLY ABOUT CULTURE

Richard Mouw
July 14-25, 2014
8:30-11:00 am
2 or 3 graduate credit hours



**Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.
The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information.
Syllabi are available to Regent students at <http://www2.regent-college.edu/courses/login>**

Course Description

Questions about Christian cultural engagement—in the arts, politics, work and play—pose significant challenges for present day believers. And with an increasingly global awareness, the older "Christ and culture" arguments also focus these days on "Christ and the cultures." We will examine biblical and theological resources for understanding the place of cultural renewal in God's plan for the creation, with special attention to Anabaptist and Reformed perspectives.

NOTE: This course is an approved substitute for three credits of the Christian Thought and Culture requirement in the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies program. Students wishing to take this option must enroll in this class for three credits.

Class Outline

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| Monday, July 14 | Thinking Christianly about Culture |
| Tuesday, July 15 | The Biblical Drama |
| Wednesday, July 16 | Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism |
| Thursday, July 17 | The Anabaptist Perspective |
| Friday, July 18 | Creation and Culture |
| Monday, July 21 | Theology and Commonness |
| Tuesday, July 22 | Kuyper's Theology of Culture |
| Wednesday, July 23 | New Challenges |
| Thursday, July 24 | Multiculturalism |
| Friday, July 25 | Culture and the Eschaton |

Assignments

1. Research Paper (*Three-credit students only*)

Three-credit students will write a paper on a topic relevant to the themes of this course. It should be approximately 3,750 words (15 pages) long.

Due: Monday, September 8, 2014

2. Take Home Final Exam

The final exam will consist of six essay questions. Students should write a brief reflection on four of their choosing, approximately 500 words each. Answers should engage with both course lectures and the required readings.

Due: Monday, September 8, 2014

Evaluation

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| | 2 cr hrs | 3 cr hrs |
| Final Exam | 100% | 40% |
| Term Paper | — | 60% |

Required Reading

Kuyper, Abraham. *Lectures on Calvinism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1943). 200 pp. ISBN: 080281607X.

Mouw, Richard. *When The Kings Come Marching In: Isaiah and the New Jerusalem*. (Grand Rapids:Eerdmans, 2002). 140 pp. ISBN: 0802839967.

Stackhouse, John. *Making the Best of It: Following Christ in the Real World* (New York: Oxford, 2011). 350 pp. ISBN: 9780199843947.

Yoder, John. H, *The Politics of Jesus* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994). 250 pp. ISBN: 9780802807342.

Deadline for dropping the course with refund is 4:30 pm on July 15, 2014 (100% refund) or 4:30 pm on July 17, 2014 (75% refund). There is no refund of any tuition fees after the 75% refund deadline, but the course may be dropped, changed to audit, or reduced in credit hours up until 4:30 pm on July 25, 2014 (no refunds).