

THEO 645: Confessing the Trinity — Nicaea to Now (DE)

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Distance Education: Pre-Recorded Lectures & Live Classes via Zoom (Thursdays, 1:30pm–2:30pm Pacific)

2 or 3 graduate credit hours; or 2 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

How did the Church arrive at the confession that God is Trinity? And how should Christians understand this confession today? This course turns to the patristic development of trinitarian theology to understand its ongoing importance for Christian life today. We will spend most of our time engaging the extraordinary theological work of the fourth-century controversies, before and after the Council of Nicaea in 325, coming to terms with their key arguments and modes of biblical exegesis. Overall, this course will invite students into the attentive study of the history of trinitarian theology as a means of knowing, worshipping, and loving the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SPECIAL NOTES

Class time for this course will be divided between asynchronous pre-recorded lectures (1 hour each week), online discussions on Moodle (1 hour each week), and live classes via Zoom (1 hour each week). Prior to each live class, students should listen to the first recorded lecture (available on Moodle) and complete the reading and group discussion for that day. Students who cannot participate in live classes due to their time zone will have access to recordings for one week. Please notify the instructor if you are unable to participate in live sessions. Students should refer to the DE handbook (available on the DE [website](#)) for more information that will help with the successful completion of this course.

ESTIMATED TIME INVESTMENT

	2 credits	3 credits
Pre-Recorded Lectures	12 hrs	12 hrs
Moodle Discussion Board	12 hrs	12 hrs
Class Time (Zoom)	12 hrs	12 hrs
Weekly Reading	33 hrs	33 hrs
Research Paper	13 hrs	35 hrs
Theology Project	8 hrs	8 hrs
Book Review	—	23 hrs
Total	90 hours	135 hours

Please note: the amount of time taken by students will vary. This information is intended to be used as an approximation for planning purposes.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Dünzl, Franz. *A Brief History of the Doctrine of the Trinity in the Early Church*. London: T&T Clark, 2007. ISBN 9780567031921. [Available at the UBC Library [here](#).]

Radde-Gallwitz, Andrew, ed. *The Cambridge Edition of Early Christian Writings*, vol. 1: God. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. ISBN 9781107449596. [Available at the UBC library [here](#).]

Rusch, William, ed., *The Trinitarian Controversy*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1980. ISBN 9780800614102. [Available at Regent's Library [here](#).]

Please Note: This Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses. The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. A full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details is available on Moodle for registered students:

moodle.regent-college.edu/login

