**Instructor**

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**Overview**

Students will explore the riches of the Christian faith grounded in trinitarian theology and the incarnation of Jesus Christ by examining the biblical teaching regarding God, humanity, and creation. While exploring the implications of the biblical teaching on these topics, students will practice biblical thinking as a lens through which to see and interpret a myriad of issues and questions including truth, reality, freedom, salvation, suffering, ethics, and more. Ultimately, the goal of this course is to help students understand, appreciate, and articulate the goodness of God and his purposes for their lives and our world.

**Content & Themes**

1st Quarter

* Truth
* Epistemology
* Reality
* Trinity

2nd Quarter

* Humanity
* Unity & Diversity
* Sin

3rd Quarter

* Suffering
* Incarnation
* Crucifixion
* Resurrection

4th Quarter

* Salvation
* Ascension
* New Creation

**Grading**

* Analysis Papers (33%) – Analyze a short passage of Scripture by going deep into the meaning of key terms, an overview of relevant cross-references, a final analysis representing critical and creative thinking, and concluding with a personal paraphrase of the verse.
* Tests (34%) – Tests, essays, and special assignments will be assigned throughout each quarter based on the books and topics being studied. Each quarter the students will put together and add to a “Senior Bible Notebook” consisting of notes, assignments, and materials from the course. This notebook is a weighted test grade each quarter.
* Memory Work (33%) – Weekly memorization of Bible verses, passages, or creeds. Throughout each quarter, students are expected to recall past passages from previous weeks as part of the current week’s memory work.

**Course Materials**

* Materials
	+ 1 Subject Spiral Notebook (hole-punched)
	+ 11/2 in. 3-Ring Binder
	+ Dividers w/ Tabs
* Primary Texts
	+ The Bible
	+ *Silence* by Shusakō Endō
	+ *Night* by Elie Wiesel
	+ *On the Incarnation* by Athanasius (pending availability)