

**Orthodox Dogmatic Theology I**  
Theology and Patristics Dept., TAP 110  
Online and Video (Tuesdays 8 pm – 9 pm Central)  
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I try to answer all emails within 24 hours. If you need to meet via phone, to assure a productive session, please arrange a call time via email.

***Course Description***

Orthodox Dogmatic Theology can be described as simply “what the Church teaches.” Putting aside opinion and speculation, this course concerns itself with the dogmatic understanding of God, His creation, the Trinity, the Incarnation, Salvation, the Church, the Mysteries and the End Times. The first section of this course examines God, the Trinity, Creation and the problems of Evil and Sin, as well as Eschatology.

***Course Goals***

Students who complete this course successfully will be able to:

- Identify the sources of Christian teaching
- Explain man’s understanding of God
- Distinguish the oneness of the Godhead from the Persons of the Trinity
- Understand the relationship between God and His creation
- Discuss the presence of evil and sin in God’s creation
- Discuss the God and the Economy of our salvation

***Required Texts, Materials, or Equipment***

- Pomazansky, Fr. Michael, *Orthodox Dogmatic Theology*, (3d Edition), St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood (2009)
- High speed internet to support video conferencing strongly recommended
- All other course materials will be available via the seminary LearnDash LMS system.

***Daily Work/Homework***

Each Lesson includes a reflection question to be answered on the Lesson page. Expect weekly reading assignments.

***Major Assignments: Descriptions***

Two unit tests and a final examination will be given. All examinations are written and are open book/open note.

***Class Participation***

Students participate by posting reflection responses to the Lesson page and participating in the weekly conference calls. All students are expected to be prepared for and actively participate in the call.

## Course Grading

### Statement of Grading Approach or Philosophy

Grading will focus on the substance of the responses, although presentation (grammar, spelling, neatness) may impact the grade if it interferes with the understanding of the paper or response.

### Explanation of Grading System

- Unit Test 1: 20% of total grade or maximum points
- Unit Test 2: 20% of total grade or maximum points
- Final Exam: 40% of total grade or maximum points
- Class Participation: 20% of total grade or maximum points

### *Preliminary Schedule of Topics, Readings, and Assignments*

Date	Topics/Assigned Readings/Homework	Major Assignments and Deadlines
2/12/19	Introduction	
2/19/19	Chapter 1 – Our Knowledge of God	
2/26/19	Chapter 2 – The Dogma of the Holy Trinity	
3/5/19	Chapter 2 – The Dogma of the Holy Trinity	
3/12/19	Chapter 2 – The Dogma of the Trinity	<b>Unit Test 1 due by 3/19/19</b>
3/19/19	<b>No Meeting Spring Break</b>	
3/26/19	Chapter 3 - God and the Creation	
4/2/19	Chapter 3 - God and the Creation	
4/9/19	Chapter 4 – The Providence of God	
4/16/19	Chapter 5 – Concerning Evil and Sin	<b>Unit Test 2 due by 4/23/19</b>
4/23/19	<b>NO CLASS – Holy Week</b>	
4/30/19	Chapter 6 - God and the salvation of mankind	
5/7/19	Chapter 6 - God and the salvation of mankind	
5/14/19	Chapter 6 - God and the salvation of mankind	
5/21/19	Chapter 6 - God and the salvation of mankind	<b>Final Exam due by 5/28/19</b>