THE251 Theological Foundations Overview

Course Description

This course is an introduction to theology to provide students with a starting point and system for discovering and discerning theology. Students will learn a rationale for developing theologically, skills for articulating doctrine, and a framework for systematic theology. Along the way, students will chose an area of interest in theology and go through the process in order to learn about sources, practice the skills, and intentionally deepen their understanding God and His ways with man.

COURSE OBJECTIVES (COGNITIVE)

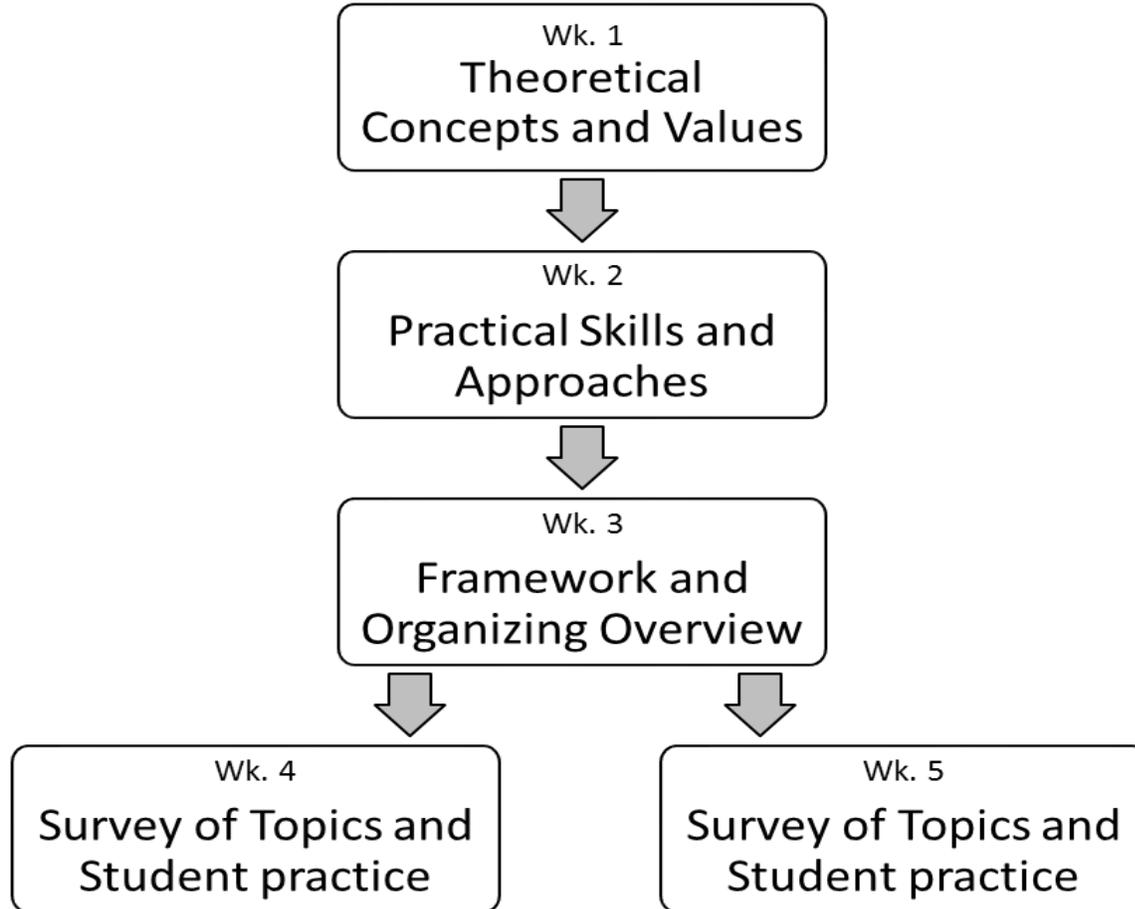Upon completion of this course, each student should be able to:

- Describe the nature, necessity, means and goals of Christian theology.
- Follow a systematic procedure for investigation and application of theological issues.
- Articulate an organized framework for theological truth that is faithful to Biblical organization.
- Formulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching of the nature of God, the nature of the universe, the nature of humanity and the nature of God's revelation to humanity.
- Formulate a survey understanding of the Biblical teaching on the nature of Jesus and His work, Christian salvation and life, the Holy Spirit, the nature and mission of the church, and the final consummation of God's work in this world.

COURSE GOALS (MINDSET)

Upon completion of this course, each student should have opportunity to:

- Demonstrate a commitment to the priority application of Biblical truth to all areas of life and ministry.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the primary functional authority of Scripture in all theological work.
- Demonstrate how their personal theology is an outworking of the Gospel of Christ crucified, raised and reigning as Lord.
- Demonstrate a commitment to reject false worldviews and to conform their thoughts, affections and actions to the true nature of all reality.
- Demonstrate a commitment to reject false lifestyles and to conform their thoughts, affections and actions to God's unique design for them as individuals and God's corporate design for all of human society.

COURSE CONCEPT MAP

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                    │       Theoretical        │
                    │   Concepts and Values    │
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                    │    Practical Skills and  │
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                    │      Framework and       │
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REQUIRED TEXTS

Grudem, W. (1999). *Bible doctrine: Essential teachings of the Christian faith.* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. **ISBN:** 978-0310222330

Jamieson, R. (2013). *Sound doctrine*. Wheaton: Crossway. **ISBN:** 978-1433535895

Kapic, K.M. (2012). *A little book for new theologians*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity. **ISBN**: 978-0830839759