The Integration of Psychology and Theology  
Fall 2020  
Course Credit: 3 Hours  

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Class:  Wednesday 7:00pm – 10:00pm  


Purpose:  This course examines theology and the behavioral sciences in an attempt to integrate spirituality, theology, and pastoral psychology. Psychological investigations of theological themes and phenomena engaged in by counselors will be discussed. Consideration will be given to intrapersonal and interpersonal problems of human behavior with emphasis on biblical strategies for cultivating an integrated Christian personality.  

Class Policies:  1. **Turn off cell-phones before entering the classroom.**  

2. Class roll will be taken via a sign-in sheet. It is the student’s responsibility to sign-in before leaving class. Only emergency situations will count as excusable absences, and written documentation from a community professional is required for each absence. Otherwise, **five points** will be subtracted from the student’s total points. Students will be responsible for all the material covered during class regardless of the nature of the absence. Late to class and early leaving class will not be accepted.  

3. Brief class reviews will be conducted before final exam. Final Exam will be included mix of true-false, multiple choices, matching, and short-answer.  

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<td>Literature Reviews + Book reading</td>
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| Book Report  
* (BA x 2)  
* (Master Degree x 3) | 20 points |
| Group Workshop Presentation | 30 points |
| Final Exam | 25 points |

The course grades are assigned as:
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**Five** points will be deducted from any assignment that is submitted late without written notice. The document must address the emergency situation that prevented the student from completing the assignment on time.

Extra projects cannot be assigned for missed classes, assignments or exams. Extra projects cannot be assigned to increase a grade. Attendance cannot be used to increase total points. Sorry, no exceptions.

### Class Schedule

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**Group Project: Presentation** – Students will be randomly placed in groups of four (may be less). Each group will develop and conduct a 30-45 minutes presentation.
The format for the workshop will be reviewed in class. The completed plan will be due on the date of the group presentation.

Each group may base their presentation works on any topic listed below. However, each presentation must address a different topic. For this reason, it is important that Appendix A of the syllabus be completed as soon as possible. Topic considerations will be made in the order they are received.

Group 1- Sin and Mental illness  
Group 2- Guilt, Shame, & Conviction  
Group 3- Demon influence/possession and psychopathology  
Group 4- Reconciliation & Forgiveness

It will be necessary for you to review other sources. These can include journal articles, books, and other reports. Internet sources also may be used if they represent professional and academically support.

References:

Kindle Edition Books:


Other References:


