

<b>Course title:</b> Introduction to Christian Theology (Foundations of Our Christian Faith)	<b>Credit number:</b> 4
<b>Type of lessons:</b> lecture/seminar format <b>Number of lectures/seminars:</b> 1+1 (= 2) hours per week	
<b>Type of evaluation:</b> Exam and weekly reading diary accounts	
<b>Place in curriculum:</b> 2nd /spring term	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> none	
<b>Course description:</b>	
<p><b>Course content:</b>  This course is an introduction to the basic teachings of Christian Theology dealing with such themes as Christology, Trinity, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Anthropology and alike. Students are required to attend all lectures, prepare notes weekly and give an account of their knowledge gained.</p> <p><b>Learning objectives:</b>  Students will acquire a basic understanding and knowledge of selected theological topics and a general view of the discipline of Systematic Theology. They will learn the skills of critical thinking, reasoning and expressing their deeply held beliefs in a way that is comprehensible to another person who participates in the discourse. Students will nurture a capacity to solve problematic issues of theology and present the issues at stake clearly, coherently and engagingly.</p>	
<b>Required and optional reading</b> (The 3-5 most important required and optional pieces):	
<p><b>Required reading:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barth, Karl, <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> (London: SCM Press, 2001).</li> <li>2. Bavinck, Herman, John (eds.), <i>Reformed Dogmatics</i> (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, c2011).</li> <li>3. Migliore, Daniel, <i>Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology</i> (Grand Rapids: W.B. Eerdmans, 1991.)</li> <li>4. McGrath, Alaister, <i>Introduction to Christian Theology</i> (Oxford, University Press, 1998).</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional reading:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Berkhof, H., <i>Christian Faith: An Introduction to the Study of the Faith</i> (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979.)</li> <li>2. Heppel, H., <i>Reformed Dogmatics</i> (London, Allen Unwin, 1950).</li> <li>3. Hobbs, H. H., <i>Fundamentals of Our Faith</i> (London, Broadman, 1960).</li> <li>4. Hodge, A. A., <i>Evangelical Theology</i> (Edinburgh, Banner of Truth, 1976).</li> <li>5. Hodge, C., <i>Outlines of Theology</i> (Edinburgh, Banner of Truth, 1983).</li> <li>6. Theissen, H.C., <i>Introductory Lectures in Systematic Theology</i> (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963).</li> <li>7. Zahl, Paul, <i>A Short Systematic Theology</i> (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2000)</li> </ol>	

8. Ravasz László, *Kis dogmatika. Hitünk igazságai* (Budapest: Kálvin Kiadó, 1996). Only in Hungarian for those who try to adjust to the level of the course.

**Course syllabus:**

**Week 1.** – Revelation. Ravasz, 5-12. Sources and Methods, Sources of Theology

**Week 2.** – God. Trinity. Ravasz, 13-19. Doctrine of Trinity

**Week 3.** – The person of Jesus Christ. Ravasz, 64-71. Person of Jesus Christ

**Week 4.** – Christ's work and life. Ravasz, 72-98. Historical Criticism and Jesus

**Week 5.** – Through grace by faith. Ravasz, 106-113. Salvation in Christ

**Week 6.** – Anthropology. Sin and its consequence. Ravasz, 50-56. Nature of Human beings. Sin and Grace

**Week 7.** – Stages of Salvation (*ordo salutis*). Ravasz, 149-164.

**Week 8.** – Church. Life of Congregations. Ravasz, 113-136. The Church

**Week 9.** – Means of Grace. Ravasz, 137-148. The doctrine of Holiness

**Week 10.** – Last Things. Ravasz, 158-164. Christianity and World Religions, The Christian hope. Eschatology

**Week 11.** – Creation and Providence. Ravasz, 27-42. Creation and Providence

**Week 12.** – Holy Spirit. Ravasz, 99-105. Pneumatology

**Week 13.** – Predestination. Ravasz, 20-26. Free will and Predestination

**Course instructor in charge:** Dr. habil. Ábrahám Kovács, university associate professor

**Additional course instructor(s):** –