

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY  
THE 325 The Human Person  
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LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will be able to:

- Interpret relevant biblical texts responsibly
- Analyze the elements of Christian theological anthropology
- Appraise the significance of scientific and philosophical theories for Christian theological anthropology

REQUIRED READING:

- Warren S. Brown, et al., eds., *Whatever Happened to the Soul: Scientific and Theological Portraits of Human Nature*
- Earl D. Bland and Brad D. Strawn, *Christianity and Psychoanalysis: A New Conversation*
- Marc Cortez, *Theological Anthropology: A Guide for the Perplexed*

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Punctual attendance. Because it is important to build good habits and to help create and sustain a learning community, it is important for you to attend often and on time. You may miss up to four sessions without penalty. Every absence after the fourth will result in a deduction of 1/2% from your final grade. You will be allowed to be late twice; after the second occasion, arriving to class after roll is taken will result in a grade reduction of 1/4% per occasion. If you are late, you must bring it to my attention at the end of the class session. More than 9 absences may result in de-enrollment.

2. Lead class discussions: Each student will lead two class discussions (see the schedule). Leading the discussion involves preparing a handout for the class that includes an outline of topics found in the assigned reading, a discussion of their importance, and questions for discussion.

3. Midterm and final examinations.

4. Term paper: Write a 12 page, double spaced, essay (approximately 4500 words) on some aspect of human nature. The essay must

- Present your view,
- Discuss the relevant theological and psychological issues, and
- Engage theological and psychological scholarship.

The term paper is due Nov. 15.

GRADING:

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| • Lead class discussion with written summary | 20% (10% each) |
| • Midterm exam                               | 20%            |
| • Final exam                                 | 30%            |
| • Term paper                                 | 30%            |

PLNU POLICIES:

- **INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.
- **FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY:** Successful completion of this class requires taking the final

examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the Class Schedules site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

- **PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY:** Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.
- **PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:** Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See Academic Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.
- **PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY:** If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at [DRC@pointloma.edu](mailto:DRC@pointloma.edu). See Disability Resource Center for additional information.

#### OTHER MATTERS:

- Email is an official mode of communication in this course.
- The final exam may not be taken early. **MAKE HOLIDAY TRAVEL PLANS ACCORDINGLY.**
- Procrastination and denial: If you find yourself getting behind in assignments, it is important to communicate with me so that you don't get into a downward spiral of missing assignments.
- Inclusive language: The School of Theology and Christian Ministry is committed to the equality of women and men. Recognizing that people have often used the English language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, the department urges students, faculty and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussion, and in their writings.

10-Jan		
11-Jan	##63-65	
13-Jan		
16-Jan	MLK	
18-Jan	##66-67	Student presentation
20-Jan	##68-69	Student presentation
23-Jan		
25-Jan	##17-19	
27-Jan	##20-23	
30-Jan	##24-26	
1-Feb	##27-30	
3-Feb	##87-89	Student presentation
6-Feb	##90-92	Student presentation
8-Feb	##78-80	Student presentation
10-Feb	##81-82	Student presentation
13-Feb	##83-84	Student presentation
15-Feb	##39-42	Student presentation
17-Feb	##43-45	
20-Feb	##46-48	
22-Feb	##49-51	
24-Feb	#52-53	
27-Feb	##54-55	
1-Mar		
3-Mar		Midterm exam
6-Mar	Spring break	
8-Mar	Spring break	
10-Mar	Spring break	
13-Mar	##70-72	
15-Mar	##73-75	Student presentation
17-Mar	##76-77	Student presentation
20-Mar	##56-58	Student presentation
22-Mar	##59-60	Student presentation
24-Mar	##61-62	Student presentation
27-Mar	##1-3	Student presentation
29-Mar	##4-5	
31-Mar	##6-7	
3-Apr	##8-9	
5-Apr	##10-12	
7-Apr	##13-14	
10-Apr	##15-16	
12-Apr	##31-32	Term paper due
14-Apr	Easter	
17-Apr	Easter	
19-Apr	##33-34	
21-Apr	##35-36	
24-Apr	##37-38	
26-Apr		
28-Apr		
1-May		Final exam 7:30-10:00