

## Course Description

**Course Number:** HT 389W

**Course Title:** Theological Anthropology: The Image of God and Visions of the Human Person

**Name of Instructor:** Man-Hei Yip

**Semester and Year:** Fall 2021

Theological Anthropology: The Image of God and Visions of the Human Person is a 3-credit hour course. Participants have the option to take this course on a letter grade or credit/no credit basis. This course is open to all Synchronous and Asynchronous learners.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Theological Anthropology, in a broader sense, explores what it means to be human from the perspective of Christian faith. This course will investigate concepts of the human being through the lens of critical cultural studies along with biblical and theological reflections on theological anthropology. Participants will engage in emerging theological discussions of the body, gender, race, religion, and human flourishing. What it means to be human remains a question continually asked of us, particularly in relation to those on the margins of our society and the world.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- I. Articulate the main questions of various theoretical methods and views of the human being (Practice of Complex Analysis).
- II. Demonstrate competence in critical analysis of biblical and theological reflections on what it means to be human (Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom).
- III. Recognize and respect the distinctive theological themes and emphases advocated by culturally diverse communities (Practice of Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions).
- IV. Develop a theologically informed vision of the human person, and integrate the new vision into everyday practices of faith (Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity).

### **PROCEDURE:**

The course will meet for one and a half hours a week, twice a week. It puts an emphasis on student participation through interactive discussion with instructor and one another.

### **EVALUATION:**

- I. Class participation.
- II. Demonstration of engagement in weekly assigned readings.
- III. Research paper that contributes to a robust discussion about a Lutheran approach to theological anthropology.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY (\*\*indicates required texts):**

Dwight N. Hopkins, *Being Human: Race, Culture, and Religion*, 2005.

Eleazar S. Fernandez, *Reimagining the Human: Theological Anthropology in Response to Systemic Evil*, 2004.

John D. Zizioulas, *Communion and Otherness: Further Studies in Personhood and the Church*, 2006.

Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*, Volume 33: Career of the Reformer III.

\*\*M. Shawn Copeland, *Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being*, 2009.

Mary Streufert, ed. *Transformative Lutheran Theologies*, 2010.