

IN 347 MA Capstone Seminar

Spring 2023

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Required for M.A. students

3 credit hour; credit/no-credit only

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this seminar are:

1. To foster the continuing development of professional collegiality (Practice of Collegiality);
2. To integrate learnings from seminary with possible ministry areas or future endeavors (Practice of Curiosity); and
3. To develop skills for lifelong learning (Practice of Complex Analysis).

PROCEDURE:

This course is a seminar of student selected mutually accountable Capstone projects. Students are encouraged to engage a topic that integrates strong interests, passions, or growth areas with what they have learned in seminary. These projects should enhance students' theological understandings and ministerial skills and should include scholarly research. Content will include research methods, suggestions for resources, and avenues of research.

EVALUATION:

Assessment will be based on completion of readings and class assignments together with the final Capstone Project.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Required:

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*. Edited by Wayne C Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, Joseph Bizup, and William T. FitzGerald. 9th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018.

The book is available as an eBook, accessible through the library catalog.

Recommended:

Booth, Wayne C, Gregory G Colomb, Joseph M Williams, Joseph Bizup, and William T FitzGerald. *The Craft of Research*. 4th edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016.

The book is available as an eBook, accessible through the library catalog.

Suggested:

Badke, William B. *Research Strategies: Finding Your Way Through the Information Fog*. Bloomington, IN: IUniverse, Inc, 2017.

Eco, Umberto. *How to Write a Thesis*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2015.

Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. *"They Say / I Say:" The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. Fourth ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2021.

Roach, Jonathan, Theodore Whapham, and Grisel Dominguez. *Expressing Theology: A Guide to Writing Theology That Readers Want to Read*. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2015.