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TITLE: Theology of Calvin **TERM:** Fall 2021-2022

PROFESSOR: Kenneth Woo **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: 10 UNLIMITED _____
AUDITORS: _____ NO AUDITORS X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to John Calvin's thought in the context of his career as a reformer, with attention to the intellectual background and socio-political realities that shaped his theology. The course will highlight Calvin's lived experience as a religious refugee whose theology was especially sensitive to the needs of fellow exiles. **This course fulfills the Historical Context Elective (HCE) requirement for M.Div. Students.**

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

1. Read a diverse selection of Calvin's writings.
2. Gain an overarching sense of Calvin's thought and his views on a variety of topics.
3. Place Calvin's writings in their particular historical context and relation to other reformers, with attention to the development of Calvin's theological positions over time.
4. Become more responsible in our use of historical sources in contemporary theology.
5. Read supplemental secondary readings to gain a sense of current Calvin scholarship.
6. Arrive at basic conclusions about Calvin's relationship to the broader Reformed tradition.

This course will meet the following Student Learning Outcomes: M.Div. SLO 2, 4; MTS SLO 1, 2

PREREQUISITES: CH110 and CH120, or permission of instructor

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, ed. J. T. McNeill, trans. by F. L. Battles, 2 vols. (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960), ISBN: 978-0664239114, \$80.00 (WJK Press)
- Additional readings will be posted online.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Weekly seminar discussion, occasional presentations, book review, final paper.

ATTENDANCE: Required