The task of the essay is to give an assessment of one aspect of Christology or Trinitarian theology either by putting two different contemporary texts in dialogue or by presenting a thorough account of a classic account.

The essay should (1) give a clear, well organized summary of the main issues in the treatment chosen and how the various issues relate to one another, (2) if two thinkers are presented, show how the two thinkers present different aspects of the issue, (3) critically assess the account of the issue under consideration, showing the ways in which the contribution(s) enrich our understanding of Christology or Trinity and the ways in which it is either unhelpful or perhaps problematic. The essay should directly reference the texts under consideration. Secondary works may be brought in to help in the assessment.

Some possible topics, but others may be studied with prior authorization from the professor. Some possible texts are given.

**CHRISTOLOGY**

1. The knowledge of Jesus

2. The meaning of the cross

3. The resurrection of Jesus

4. The Jewishness of Jesus

5. An analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of historical Jesus research by analyzing a single representative

6. Jesus and Liberation

7. Post-colonial Christology

8. Christology and other religions
**TRIUNE GOD**

(1) Arianism: an in-depth presentation of the theology of Arius, with an evaluation of why his theology was attractive and the specific ways it went wrong. Athanasius’s *Orations against the Arians* may be used in the evaluation.


(2) Augustine’s Trinitarian Theology

- Augustine, *De Trinitate*

(3) Thomas Aquinas’s Trinitarian Theology


(4) Naming God


(5) Feminist issues in regard to the Trinity


(6) Post-colonial Trinitarian theology


(7) The Holy Spirit

- Yves Congar, *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*
- Some other book on the Spirit