



## CHTH 213/313

### The Trinity

### Short Course Description

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### Brief Introduction to the Paper

This course will extend the work completed at the 100-level in Theology by a more in-depth study of one core area of Christian Doctrine, namely the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This paper will deepen your understanding of the mystery of the triune God as we attend to both the unity of God and to the distinctions of the three persons. Anchored in Holy Scripture and the writings of St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas, the paper also attends to the difference that the Trinity makes for Christian life.

### Assessment

This paper is internally and externally assessed.

**CHTH 213:** Two essays: 1500 words (20%) and 2000 words (30%); and a final exam (50%).

**CHTH 313:** Two essays: 2000 words (20%) and 2500 words (30%); and a final exam (50%).

### Teaching schedule

The **campus class** will be taught through 2hr classes each week.

The **distance class** will be taught through 6 videoconferences lasting 1 hr and 50 mins each.

Timetable details are available at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/> (See the hyperlinks under “Timetables”, on the right hand side)

## Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the paper at 200-level should:

- acquire a sound grasp of the key elements in the classical theology of the Trinity;
- develop an ability to discern the connections between the logic of Trinitarianism and Christian belief and life as a whole;
- understand the deeply scriptural character of Christian teaching on the Trinity and the riches of St Augustine's and St Thomas Aquinas's contributions to Trinitarian thought.

Students who successfully complete the paper at 300-level should:

- acquire a sound grasp of the key elements in the classical theology of the Trinity;
- develop an ability to discern the connections between the logic of Trinitarianism and Christian belief and life as a whole;
- understand the deeply scriptural character of Christian teaching on the Trinity and the riches of St Augustine's and St Thomas Aquinas's contributions to Trinitarian thought;
- demonstrate self-critical reflection on one's own embedded theological assumptions.

## For more information

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