

Paul Tillich

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Course Description

The primary aim of this course is read and understand the theology of Paul Tillich. The course focuses on his *Systematic Theology* (ST) but also covers some other of his writings and some biographical material. The secondary aim is to help students develop their own theological ideas in detailed conversation with Tillich's, a purpose for which ST is particularly well suited.

The class has 800-level and 900-level designations to accommodate both advanced masters and doctoral students, respectively. Classes will meet once a week on Thursdays from 2-5. Each class will be conducted in the seminar discussion format with mini-lectures given by the instructor as needed or requested by the class. Typically the class will read and discuss certain sections of ST extremely closely while lectures and student presentations will keep us oriented to the wider territory within the world of ST.

The main product of the course should be a research paper involving close reading and critique of one aspect of Tillich's ST. The paper should be about 3,000 words for TT832 students and 5,000 words for TT932 students. This paper will earn the largest share of the grade (60%), with the remainder being based on quality of participation, reading responses, and seminar contributions (40%). Incompletes are not allowed—except when they are. Paperwork is necessary. Plagiarism is not allowed—ever. Know the rules.

Proposed Seminar Schedule

Here is a proposed schedule of readings. This being a seminar, we will consider ourselves free to deviate from this timetable if it seems advisable. Students are to complete all seven sections of the Pauck biography by Spring Break, reading at the pace of one section per week. We will read short selections from *The Essential Tillich* from time to time, as they complement the readings from ST or deal with questions that arise in class discussion.

1/17/08	Introduction to Paul Tillich and his theology; Pauck Section 1
1/24/08	ST I: Introduction [3-68] (close read 8-27); Pauck Section 2
1/31/08	ST I: Part I/I [71-105] (close read 71-81); Pauck Section 3; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 2; "Two Types"
2/7/08	ST I: Part I/II [106-159] (close read 132-147); Pauck Section 4; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , chs. 4,7
2/14/08	ST I: Part II/I [163-210] (close read 168-186); Pauck Section 5
2/21/08	ST I: Part II/II[211-289] (close read 271-289); Pauck Section 6
2/28/08	ST II: Part III/I A-C [3-59] (close read 29-44); Pauck Section 7; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 20
3/6/08	ST II: Part III/I D-E [59-96] (close read 66-75); <i>Essential Tillich</i> , chs. 26,27,28
3/13/08	No Class: Spring Break
3/20/08	ST II: Part III/II A-B [97-138] (close read 118-127); <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 13
3/27/08	ST II: Part III/II C-E [138-180] (close read 150-158)
4/3/08	ST III: Part IV/I [3-161] (close read 138-161)
4/10/08	ST III: Part IV/I [162-294] (close read 245-265)
4/17/08	ST III: Part V/I [297-361] (close read 339-361)
4/24/08	ST III: Part V/II [362-423] (close read 394-419)
5/1/08	Report on student research papers

Required Books (Available in BU Bookstore)

Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology*, vols. 1-3. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [Vol. 1: 0226803376 (1951); vol. 2: 0226803384 (1957); vol. 3: 0226803392 (1963)]

Church, F. Forrseter. *The Essential Tillich*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [0020189206; reprint of 1987 Collier edition]

Pauck, Wilhelm and Marion. *Paul Tillich: His Life and Thought*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1989. [006066469X]