

# 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 9:30-12:30. 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 (60% of the grade) will 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. The remainder of the grade is based on quality of participation, reading responses, seminar contributions, and web site 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, 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. We will also each read one biographical biographical work (provided by instructor) and report on that work to the class.

9/2/10	Introduction to Paul Tillich and his theology; Pauck Section 1
9/9/10	<i>ST I</i> : Introduction [3-68] (close read 8-27); Pauck Section 2
9/16/10	<i>ST I</i> : Part I/I [71-105] (close read 71-81); Pauck Section 3; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 2; "Two Types"
9/23/10	<i>ST I</i> : Part I/II [106-159] (close read 132-147); Pauck Section 4; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , chs. 4,7
9/30/10	<i>ST I</i> : Part II/I [163-210] (close read 168-186); Pauck Section 5
10/7/10	<i>ST I</i> : Part II/II[211-289] (close read 271-289); Pauck Section 6
10/14/10	<i>ST II</i> : Part III/I A-C [3-59] (close read 29-44); Pauck Section 7; <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 20
10/21/10	<i>ST II</i> : Part III/I D-E [59-96] (close read 66-75); <i>Essential Tillich</i> , chs. 26,27,28
10/28/10	<i>ST II</i> : Part III/II A-B [97-138] (close read 118-127); <i>Essential Tillich</i> , ch. 13
11/4/10	<i>ST II</i> : Part III/II C-E [138-180] (close read 150-158); presentation of biographical work
11/11/10	<i>ST III</i> : Part IV/I [3-161] (close read 138-161)
11/18/10	<i>ST III</i> : Part IV/II [162-294] (close read 245-265)
11/25/10	No Class: Fall Recess
12/2/10	<i>ST III</i> : Part V/I [297-361] (close read 339-361)
12/9/10	<i>ST III</i> : Part V/II [362-423] (close read 394-419)

## *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. Forrester. *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]