



# Course Syllabus Wycliffe College Toronto School of Theology

## *Course Identification*

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Course Number : WYT2119H F  
Course Name: Modern Anglican Theology: From F.D. Maurice to Rowan Williams

## *Instructor Information*

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## *Course Prerequisites or Requisites*

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An introductory course in systematic theology is required for this course as well as some familiarity with the Reformation of Calvin and Luther on the European mainland.

## *Course Description*

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This course introduces students to the cataclysmic changes that attended the nineteenth, twentieth, and the beginning of the twenty-first centuries, especially with respect to new theological thought in the context of Anglican identity. By surveying some of the main thinkers from this time, this course examines major theological themes such as Scripture, baptism, the Eucharist, and the nature of the church.

## *Course Methodology*

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This course is an online course and therefore has no set meeting times. The written lectures will be posted on Monday and it will be expected that by the following Sunday these will have been read and comments posted on the course website. The expected readings will also complement the posted lecture.

Roughly the first half of the course will focus on the nineteenth century, and the second half that of the twentieth.

## *Course Outcomes*

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<b>COURSE OUTCOMES:</b> By the end of this course, students will:	<b>COURSE ELEMENT:</b> To be demonstrated through these course elements:	<b>PROGRAM OUTCOMES:</b> Correspondence to Wycliffe's statement of outcomes (M.Div, MTS):
Develop a thorough knowledge of Anglican identity, especially as it relates to recent history	Lectures, readings, assignments 1&2	MTS, MDiv 1.3, 1.4
Grow in familiarity with key figures,	Lectures, readings, assignments	MTS, MDiv 1.6

thinkers, and eras in modern Anglican history	1&2	
Develop and express awareness of the diverse expressions of Anglicanism, while able to locate it within a common identity	Lectures, readings, assignments 1, 2, 4	MTS, MDiv 1.5
Display theological reasoning in complex present-day issues	Assignments 1-4	MTS, MDiv 2.1
Cultivate clear and concise written communication skills in a theological mode	Assignments 1-4	MTS 2.3, MDiv 2.2
Put into a larger perspective the contemporary challenges, conflicts, and confusions of modern Anglican and other Christian churches	Assignments 1-4	MTS, MDiv 1.5
Grow in character marked by charitable collaborative work	Assignments 1, 2, 4	MTS, MDiv 3.3

## Course Resources

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### Required Course Texts

There is no central text for this course; rather, selected legal PDF copies of articles and primary source material will be posted to Blackboard. See the bibliography below for the sources of the readings. For some of the material you *must* have both Internet access and a UTORid in order to access the material.

### Course Website(s)

Blackboard <https://weblogin.utoronto.ca/>

This course uses Blackboard for its course website. To access it, go to the UofT portal login page at <http://portal.utoronto.ca> and login using your UTORid and password. Once you have logged in to the portal using your UTORid and password, look for the **My Courses** module, where you'll find the link to the website for all your Blackboard-based courses. (Your course registration with ROSI gives you access to the course website at Blackboard.) Note also the information at <http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/content/information-students>. Students who have trouble accessing Blackboard should ask Thomas Power ([thomas.power@utoronto.ca](mailto:thomas.power@utoronto.ca)) for further help.

***Class Schedule (all online links posted here will also be put on the Blackboard website. You should not have to click on the links in the syllabus)***

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Week	Title	Readings
September 12	The Story of What Went on Before: The Anglican Church and its Early Years	Lecture 1
		Stephen Sykes, John Booty, eds., <i>The Study of Anglicanism</i> (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2004), pp. 3-27
		JRH Moorman, <i>A History of the Church in England</i> (New York, NY: Morehouse, 1953), pp. 269-289
September 19		Lecture 2

	F.D. Maurice: Conservative Liberalism	Olive Brose, <i>Frederick Denison Maurice: Rebellious Conformist</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 52-76 Maurice, <i>Theological Investigations</i> , Essays
September 26	The Oxford Movement: Revolutionary Conservatism	Lecture 3 J. H. Newman, “Advent Sermons on Antichrist” John Keble, “On The Mysticism Attributed to the Early Fathers of the Church”, Tract 89 of <i>Tracts for the Times</i> which you can access <a href="#">here</a> .
October 3	Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Benjamin Jowett: Classic Liberalism	Lecture 4 Benjamin Jowett, “On the Interpretation of Scripture” from <i>Essays and Reviews</i> , pp. 330-389 Samuel Taylor Coleridge, <i>Confessions of an Inquiring Spirit</i>
October 10	Charles Gore: Liberal Catholicism	Lecture 5 Charles Gore, “The Holy Spirit and Inspiration” from <i>Lux Mundi</i> Michael Ramsey, <i>From Gore to Temple</i> , Chapters 5-7
October 17	The Great War(s) and a New Century	Lecture 6 “The Crisis of Church and Culture” from William L. Sachs, <i>The Transformation of Anglicanism</i> , pp. 255-302. You should be able to access it through the library by clicking <a href="#">here</a> .
October 24	<b>Reading Week</b>	<b>Reading Week</b>
October 31	William Temple	Lecture 7 “William Temple” from <i>Love’s Redeeming Work</i> , pp. 580-585 Part II: Ecumenical Theology from <i>William Temple: Twentieth Century Christian</i> pp. 101-143
November 7	Africa, Asia, and Anglicanism	Lecture 8 Emmanuel Mukeshimana, “L’Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda”, Ian S. Markham, “The Anglican Church of Southern Africa” and Christopher Byaruhanga, “The Church of the Province of Uganda” from <i>The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anglican Communion</i> . On-line access to the <i>Wiley-Blackwell Companion</i> is <a href="#">here</a> . Paul Kwong, “The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui,” <i>ibid</i> . On-line access to the <i>Wiley-Blackwell Companion</i> is <a href="#">here</a> .
November 14	Revolutions and Dissolutions	Lecture 9: A Secular God Rowan Williams, “Honest to God in Great Britain,” from the 2002 edition of <i>Honest to God</i> , pp. 163-183 J. A. T. Robinson, “The End of Theism?” from <i>Honest to God</i> , pp. 29-44 and writings from <i>Love’s Redeeming Work</i> pp. 722-730
November 21	The Struggle of Communion	Lecture 10: Covenants and Communion “The Anglican Communion Covenant,” and “Globalization of the Anglican Communion” from <i>The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anglican Communion</i> .

		Ephraim Radner, “Conciliarity and the American Evasion of Communion” from <i>The Fate of Communion</i>
November 28	Rowan Williams	Lecture 11
		Rowan Williams, “Christian Identity and Religious Plurality,” <i>Ecumenical Review</i> , January, 2006 found <a href="#">here</a> .
		Rowan William, Presidential Address to the Anglican Consultative Council, June 20, 2005, to be found <a href="#">here</a> .
		Rowan Williams, “The Bible Today: Reading and Hearing,” Stuart Larkin Lecture, University of Toronto, to be found <a href="#">here</a>
December 5	The Twenty-first Century: Being “Modern” and “Anglican”	Lecture 12
		Mark D. Thomson, “The Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON)” from <i>The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anglican Communion</i>
		Ephraim Radner. “The World is Waiting for Holiness,” from the <i>Fate of Communion</i> ”

## Online Behavior

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This is an online course, and calls for people to interact with each other, and to comment on their ideas. It has been common in more general, anonymous interactions on the Internet discussion to descend into considerably inappropriate levels of vitriol. **This will not be tolerated.** Part of your mark will go to the level of polite, well-thought-out academic interaction in which you considerately engage. Remember:

- (1) Text-only interactions (e.g., email, chat, discussion boards) by their very nature do not include facial expressions (aside from the odd ☺). Assume that whatever you say will sound more terse than you intend. Err on the side of politeness.
- (2) Use positive language such as “can you clarify . . .?” or “I am unsure of what you mean by . . .” rather than “You are wrong,” or “I don’t agree with you.”
- (3) The advantage of online interaction is that, if you become angry or upset by something that is said, you can always walk away and come back an hour later and post a well-articulated response (using the above language). If the fact that a person is causing *offense* is the cause of your distress, please contact the instructor.

## Evaluation

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### Requirements

- (1) Discussion Forum: One of the most important ways to succeed in getting the most out of a theological course is not just to complete the readings but to *engage* with the ideas as you discuss them with others. As this is an online course, there is no opportunity to have a tutorial in which we can, in a less formal way than a lecture, “toss around” some of the ideas that have been raised in the readings and lectures. For this reason, a portion of your grade is given to your interactions and responses on the discussion board of the course. Each week, I will post some focusing questions, based on the lecture and the readings, which are meant to stimulate discussions. Each week, you will be assessed for (1) the answers you offer, and (2) the quality of response you give to another person’s answers. In other words, you will answer the posted questions, and then you will read that of your colleagues, finding *at least* one to which you will provide an appropriate response. You will be given a mark each week based on the answers to the questions and your response. It is expected that your answer to my questions will comprise a minimum of **300 words** (you are encouraged do more, but being long-winded can be detrimental), and **an additional 200 words** should go toward responding to your colleagues. **The lecture is released on Monday, and you have until Sunday at 5:00PM to**

**contribute to the discussion.** This is essentially a kind of participation grade for the course. It is not just to encourage your own engagement with the material, but to challenge each other with the ideas that arise from the material.

In my consideration of your answers, I am marking for (1) content (is this helpful? Is it accurate? Does this help others learn something?), and (2) quality (is it clear and coherent? Is it grammatically correct?)

- 20% of final grade
- (2) Critical Response and Comparison. From the readings **up to and including the Charles Gore and Liberal Catholicism class**, choose two (2) of the primary writings (primary writings comprise those of the people representative of the specific period, e.g., the writing of Newman as representative of the Oxford Movement, not my lecture on the Oxford Movement, which is secondary literature). By citing as evidence for your argument, show the similarities and differences that the two thinkers share on a specific issue such as ecclesiology, the bible, or the nature of faith. Be very clear in your essay about the topic that you are exploring. Come to a conclusion of whom you agree with the most and give reasons. This should be approximately 5 pages long, double-spaced, 12-point font, with a title page and proper citation style. **Due on October 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- 25% of final grade
- (3) Book Review. You are to submit a seven- to ten-page (double spaced) report on one of the books in the bibliography (see the end of this document) that you have not read prior to taking this course and that is not required reading in another course (portions of some of them will be used during the course). Another book may be chosen with the prior approval of the instructor. I recommend that you choose the books with double asterisks (\*\*) by them as they are most appropriate for an introductory level course. The paper will be assessed on a) familiarity with the book's content by providing an accurate reflection on it [30%]; b) critical and theological reflection on the content, using some of the ideas raised in the course thus far. [50%]; c) English writing style [20%]. Please refer to [http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/library\\_archives/theological\\_resources/theological\\_guides/writing\\_theological\\_reviews.html](http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/library_archives/theological_resources/theological_guides/writing_theological_reviews.html) for a helpful guideline on how to write a book review. It is important to focus not (or at least, not only) on how good you think the book is, but to critically engage with the writing. An example of a guiding statement (to be used in various ways) is "The author's point about X helpfully sheds light on the issue because . . . However, when it comes to Y, he/she does not fully consider Z". The purpose of this review is to offer a critical and thoughtful opinion without being "opinionated." **Due on November 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- 20% of final grade
- (4) Synthesis Essay: Think about a certain aspect of Christianity and think of how it functions in terms of the Anglican "identity." For instance, you may think of spirituality and then think of how spirituality in Anglicanism manifests itself in a particular way. Think of this paper in terms of answering the question "What does it mean to be Anglican in terms of \_\_\_\_\_" in the modern world? (The blank could be filled in with, as mentioned, spirituality, ecclesiology, how the bible is read, catholicity, etc.) You are to answer the question by referencing the material explored in this course. So, while you are offering an "opinion," you are to significantly back it up with reference to the readings you have done—a highly informed opinion. This is a 7-10-page paper. **Due on December 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- 35% of final grade

### ***Policy on Assignment Extensions***

Basic Degree students are expected to complete all course work by the end of the term in which they are registered. Under **exceptional circumstances**, with the written permission of the instructor, students may request an extension (SDF = "standing deferred") beyond the term. An extension, when offered, will have a

mutually agreed upon deadline that does not extend beyond the conclusion of the following term. An SDF must be requested no later than the last day of classes of the term in which the course is taken. The request form is available on the college website or from the Registrar's office.

**One percentage point per day will be deducted on the course grade if an extension has not been requested by the stated deadline.**

**Course grades.** Consistently with the policy of the University of Toronto, course grades submitted by an instructor are reviewed by a committee of the instructor's college before being posted. Course grades may be adjusted where they do not comply with University grading policy (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/grading.pdf>) or college grading policy.

## ***Policies***

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**Accessibility.** Students with a disability or health consideration are entitled to accommodation. Students must register at the University of Toronto's Accessibility Services offices; information is available at <http://www.accessibility.utoronto.ca/>. The sooner a student seeks accommodation, the quicker we can assist.

**Plagiarism.** Students submitting written material in courses are expected to provide full documentation for sources of both words and ideas in footnotes or endnotes. Direct quotations should be placed within quotation marks. (If small changes are made in the quotation, they should be indicated by appropriate punctuation such as brackets and ellipses, but the quotation still counts as a direct quotation.) Failure to document borrowed material constitutes plagiarism, which is a serious breach of academic, professional, and Christian ethics. An instructor who discovers evidence of student plagiarism is not permitted to deal with the situation individually but is required to report it to his or her head of college or delegate according to the TST *Basic Degree Handbook* (linked from <http://www.tst.edu/academic/resources-forms/handbooks> and the University of Toronto *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters* (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>), a student who plagiarizes in this course. Students will be assumed to have read the document "Avoidance of plagiarism in theological writing" published by the Graham Library of Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges ([http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/Library\\_Archives/Theological\\_Resources/Tools/Guides/plag.htm](http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/Library_Archives/Theological_Resources/Tools/Guides/plag.htm)).

**Other academic offences.** TST students come under the jurisdiction of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>).

**Writing Style.** The writing standard for the Toronto School of Theology is Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013), which is available at Crux Books.

## ***Selected Bibliography***

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Items with a double asterisk (\*\*) are suggestions for the book review. You may have other books about which you can consult the professor

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