



# Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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## Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

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# Dogmatics

Course Code	G_BATRSPC113
Credits	6
Period	P5
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. D.A. Forster
Examiner	prof. dr. D.A. Forster
Teaching Staff	prof. dr. D.A. Forster
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

## Course Objective

After finishing this course, the student:

- is able to reflect on the character of academic theology in several historical contexts;
- is able to explain how systematic theology as an academic discipline relates to the other theological disciplines;
- is able to recognize important positions, movements and concepts in dogmatics and of key moments in its history;
- is able to reflect systematically on the Christian faith and on a number of the dogmatic topics in their mutual relationships;
- is able to give a justified opinion about contested issues in Christian dogmatics;
- knows how to read theological texts analytically.

## Course Content

The content of Christian theology will be discussed from the textbook Christian Dogmatics. The topics include the prolegomena, the doctrines of God, revelation, covenant, christology, soteriology, pneumatology, scripture, and ecclesiology. In addition, the character of theology as

an academic discipline in pre-modern, modern and post-modern contexts will be discussed.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

In class the topics will be lectured on and discussed with the students. On Canvas theological texts will be made accessible. They will be discussed during the classes. In this way students will become familiar with texts from important theologians, who will briefly be introduced theologically.

## Method of Assessment

Students will have to write several QAQs (Dutch: KAVs) about the chapters of the textbook, in which they choose an important Quote, summarize the Argument, and formulate a Question.

The exam will have the form of a written exam (or - in the unlikely case the course is offered completely online - of an exam at home that has to be finished within a fixed period). The exam will assess the student's ability to a) interpret theological texts, b) to assess these texts from existing theories, c) to articulate their own position, and d) to explain the relevance of systematic theology for theology in general and for societal issues

QAQs 30% / written exam 70%.

## Literature

Gijsbert van den Brink and Cornelis van der Kooi, *Christian Dogmatics: An Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017), ISBN: 9780802872654.