



Doctor of Theology in Puritan Studies Program

48 Academic Credit Hours

Qualifications: Open to male students only; minimum 60 hour Master's degree in a field of theological study which includes 12 hours of Hebrew and Greek (applicants without the original languages must complete the M.Div. language courses as part of the degree program); M.Div or Th.M preferred; no transfer credits are possible due to the uniqueness of the program.

PRT801	Puritan Theology I	(3 credit hours)
PRT802	Puritan Theology II	(6 credit hours)
PRT803	Puritan Theology III	(3 credit hours)
PRT804	Puritan Theology IV	(3 credit hours)
PM801	Puritan Ministry	(6 credit hours)
PR801	Puritan Classics	(3 credit hours)
PR802	Puritan Readings	(6 credit hours)
PH801	Puritan History	(6 credit hours)
PH802	Puritan Biographies	(3 credit hours)
PH803	The Puritans and the Westminster Standards	(3 credit hours)
PS890	Doctoral Dissertation	(6 credit hours)

All written assignments (with the exception of the dissertation) should follow current MLA formatting.

Lecture outlines/notes, summaries, chapter summaries, papers, and all other stated assignments must be submitted to your mentor for grading.

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PRT801 PURITAN THEOLOGY I: (3 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

[Who were the Puritans?](#) – Dr. Don Kistler [37min]

[Introduction to the Puritans](#) - Stuart Olyott [1h]

[Introduction and Overview of the Puritans](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [1h]

[Puritanism](#) (Part 30 of *The Reformation*) – Dr. Carl Trueman – *note Trueman's definition of Puritanism*

[Introduction to English Puritan Theology](#) Lectures 1-6 – Dr. J.I. Packer [5h] (create a free iTunes account and download the free iTunes software to access lectures)

[Lessons from the Puritans](#) – Iain Murray [1h]

[The Puritans: Can They Teach Us Anything Today?](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [1h]

[What I have Learned from the Puritans](#) – Mark Dever [75min]

[John Owen on God](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [49min]

[Communion with God - John Owen](#) – Dr. Robert Law [86min]

[John Owen's Doctrine of the Trinity and its Significance for Today](#)- Dr. Robert Letham [1h]

[The Trinitarian Piety of John Owen](#) – Dr. Ryan McGraw [52min]

[Owen's View of the Scriptures](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [1 hour 12 min]

[William Ames – Marrow of Theology](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [44min]

[Providence: John Flavel](#) – Dr. John Murray [82min]

The Mystery of Providence [1](#) and [2](#) – Dr. Andrew Davis [2h5min]

Read and summarize:

[The Character of an Old English Puritan](#) – John Gere [3]

[A Brief Vindication of the Trinity – John Owen](#) [62]

Read and provide chapter summaries:

[The Existence and Attributes of God, Vol. 1](#) – Stephen Charnock [596]

[Communion with God](#) – John Owen [250]

[Mystery of Providence – Flavel](#) [264]

In the subjects covered (Natural Revelation, God, Trinity, Scripture, Decrees, Creation, Providence), read:

[The Marrow of Sacred Divinity \(The Marrow of Theology\)](#) – William Ames [48]

[A Body of Divinity](#) – James Ussher [149]

A Body of Divinity (Vols. [1](#) & [2](#) of Works) – Thomas Boston [210]

A Body of Practical Divinity (Vols. [1](#) & [2](#)) – Thomas Watson [147]

[A Body of Divinity](#) - Samuel Willard [155]

TOTAL LECTURES: 20 hours; TOTAL READING: 1884 pages

Write a 40 page paper comparing and contrasting the views of Ames, Ussher, Boston, Watson, and Willard in the subjects covered in this course.



PRT802 PURITAN THEOLOGY II: (6 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

- [Introduction to English Puritan Theology](#) Lectures 8-11 – Dr. J.I. Packer [3.5h]
- [The English Puritans](#) Lectures 5-10 – Dr. J.I. Packer [4.5h]
- [The Puritan Doctrine of the Atonement](#) – Gary Williams [56min]
- [Stephen Charnock and the Knowledge of God in Christ](#) – Jeremy Walker [63min]
- [John Owen on Christ](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [61min]
- [John Owen's Death of Death](#) – Robert Oliver [48min]
- [John Owen Death of Death](#) – Matthew McMahan [53min]
- [Thomas Boston and the Fourfold State](#) – William VanDoodewaard [59min]

Read and provide chapter summaries:

- [Human Nature in its Fourfold State](#) – Thomas Boston [463]
- [The Death of Death in the Death of Christ](#) – John Owen [330]
- [The Doctrine of Repentance](#) – Watson [122]
- [Gospel Mystery of Sanctification](#) – Walter Marshall [110]

In the subjects covered (Sin, Salvation, *Ordo Salutis*, Regeneration, Effectual Calling, Repentance, Faith, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification, Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer), read:

- [Marrow of Sacred Divinity](#) – William Ames [229]
- [A Body of Divinity](#) – James Ussher [324]
- A Body of Divinity (Vols. [1](#) and [2](#) of Works of Thomas Boston) – Boston [592]
- A Body of Practical Divinity (Vols. [1](#) & [2](#)) – Thomas Watson [786]
- [A Body of Divinity](#) – Samuel Willard [723]

TOTAL LECTURES: 13.5 hours

TOTAL READING: 3673

Write a 40 page paper comparing and contrasting the views of Ames, Ussher, Boston, Watson, and Willard in the subjects covered in this course.



PRT803 PURITAN THEOLOGY III: (3 credit hours)

Read and provide chapter summaries:

[The Four Last Things](#) – Robert Bolton [536]

[Doctrine of the Two Sacraments](#) – Ezekiel Hopkins [125]

[Divine Right of Church Government](#) – Samuel Rutherford [799]

[Biblical Elders and Deacons](#) – Nehemiah Coxe [26]

In the subjects covered (Glorification, Heaven, Hell, Return of Christ, Judgment, Ecclesiology, Sacraments), read:

[Marrow of Sacred Divinity](#) – Ames [60]

[A Body of Divinity](#) – Ussher [74]

A Body of Divinity (Vols. [1](#) and [2](#) of Works of Thomas Boston) – Boston [84]

A Body of Practical Divinity (Vols. [1](#) & [2](#)) – Watson [62]

[A Body of Divinity](#) - Willard [66]

TOTAL PAGES: 1832

Write a 40 page paper comparing and contrasting the views of Ames, Ussher, Boston, Watson, and Willard in the subjects covered in this course.

PRT804 PURITAN THEOLOGY IV: (3 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

[Background of Puritan Federal Theology](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [1 hour 13 min]

[Owen's Covenant Theology](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [58min]

[John Owen on the Decalogue](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [46min]

Read and provide chapter summaries:

[A Treatise of the Covenant of Redemption Between God and Christ, as the Foundation of the Covenant Grace](#) - Patrick Gillespie [496]

[A Treatise of the Covenant of Grace](#) – Ball [350]

[Doctrine of the Two Covenants](#) – Ezekiel Hopkins [520]

[The Covenant of Life Opened](#) – Rutherford [390]

TOTAL LECTURES: 3 hours

TOTAL PAGES: 1756

Write a 40 page paper delineating the key Puritan concepts pertaining to their view of Covenant Theology.



PM801 PURITAN MINISTRY (6 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

[Introduction to English Puritan Theology](#) Lectures 7 and 12 – Dr. J.I. Packer
[106m]

[The English Puritans](#) Lectures 11-16 – Dr. J.I. Packer [4h]

[The Puritans' View of the Pulpit](#) – Dr. Bruce Bickel [68min]

[Puritan Preaching 1](#) and [2](#) – Dr. Joel Beeke [1hour21min]

[The Puritans on Prayer – Dr. Don Kistler](#) [46min]

[The Puritans on the Family – Dr. Don Kistler](#) [43min]

[The Puritans and the Family](#) – Dr. Joel Beeke [66min]

[The Reformed Pastor](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [64min]

[Gospel Worship](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [54min]

[Puritans and Pastoral Ministry](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [40min]

[Puritan Sermons and Spiritual Formation](#) – Dr. Derek Thomas [58min]

[John Owen's Pastoral Theology 1-8](#) – Dr. Derek Thomas [11hrs]

[Owen's View of the Christian Life](#)- Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [1hour 17min]

[Puritans and the Christian Sabbath](#) – Dr. Joseph Pipa [54min]

Read and provide chapter summaries:

[The Reformed Pastor](#) – Richard Baxter [378]

[The Art of Prophesying](#) – William Perkins [191]

[Gospel Worship](#) – Jeremiah Burroughs [248]

A Body of Practical Divinity Vols. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#) (A Christian Directory) – Richard Baxter [2978]

TOTAL LECTURES: 27.5 hours

TOTAL PAGES: 3795

Write a 40 page paper delineating the key Puritan concepts pertaining to their view of Pastoral Ministry.



PR801 PURITAN CLASSICS: (3 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

- [Why Read the Puritans Today? – Don Kistler](#) [37min]
- [John Bunyan and the Pilgrim's Progress](#) – Jeremy Walker [47min]
- [Pilgrim's Progress Part 1 Lectures 1-15](#) – Dr. Derek Thomas [10 hr]
- [Pilgrim's Progress Part 2 Lectures 1-9](#) – Dr. Derek Thomas [6 hr 21min]
- [Pilgrim's Progress 1-3](#) – Dr. Derek Thomas [2hours 31 min]
- [On the Mortification of Sin in Believers 1 and 2](#) – Dr. Andrew Davis [2hr7min]
- [English Puritan Theology: John Owen on the Christian Life](#) – Dr. J.I. Packer [59]
- [Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment Parts 1 and 2](#) Dr. Andrew Davis [2hr2min]
- [Heaven on Earth Parts 1 and 2](#) – Dr. Andrew Davis [2hr9min]
- [Comfort and Assurance: Richard Sibbes](#) – Mark Dever [1hr22min]

Read and provide book summaries:

- [Pilgrim's Progress \(Parts 1 and 2\)](#) - John Bunyan [174]
- [The Christian's Great Interest](#) – Guthrie [147]
- [The Bruised Reed](#) – Richard Sibbes [207]
- [On Keeping the Heart](#) - John Flavel [120]
- [Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices](#) – Thomas Brooks [278]
- [Heaven on Earth](#) – Thomas Brooks [320]
- [The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment](#) – Jeremiah Burroughs [201]
- [The Crook in the Lot](#) – Boston [252]
- [Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers](#) – John Owen [76]
- [The Return of Prayers](#) – Thomas Goodwin [160]

TOTAL LECTURES: 28 hours

TOTAL PAGES: 1935

Write a 40 page paper reflecting the key truths which the Puritans stressed in their ministry to the saints.



PR802 PURITAN READINGS: (6 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

[John Owen on the Holy Spirit](#) – Carl Trueman [49 min]

[John Owen on the Spirit](#) – Ryan McGraw [63min]

[John Owen on the Holy Spirit 1-2](#) – Ryan McGraw [1 hour 49min]

[John Owen on the Holy Spirit 1-2](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [2 hours 29 min] sg aud

[Introducing John Owen 1-3](#) – Mike Reeves [2hr16min]

[The Christian and Spiritual Warfare: Gurnall](#) – Maurice Roberts [1hr24min]

[Heaven Taken By Storm: Watson](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [45min]

Read and provide book summaries:

[Pneumatologia \(A Discourse Concerning the Holy Spirit\) – John Owen](#) [817]

[The Christian in Complete Armor](#) – William Gurnall [848]

[Marrow of Modern Divinity](#) – Edward Fisher [388]

[The Almost Christian Discovered](#) – Matthew Meade [252]

[The Religious Tradesman](#) – Richard Steele [335]

[Heaven Taken by Storm \(The Christian Soldier\)](#) – Thomas Watson [225]

[A Treatise on Divine Meditation \(Solitude Improved\)](#) – Nathaniel Ranew [246]

[The True Bounds of Christian Freedom](#) – Samuel Bolton [460]

TOTAL LECTURES: 10.5 hours

TOTAL PAGES: 3571

Write a 40 page paper on a topic of interest presented in the readings above.



PH801 PURITAN HISTORY : (6 credit hours)

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

- [The English Puritans](#) (Lectures 1-5) – Dr J.I. Packer [3.5h]
- [The Puritans](#) – Peter Lewis [1h20m]
- [The Puritans](#) – Dr. David Calhoun [45m]
- [The English Puritans](#) – Bill Potter [1h]
- [Puritanism](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [51min]
- [Puritanism in England and New England](#) - Dr. John Gerstner [28m]
- [History and Theology of the Puritans](#) (Lectures 1-21) –Dr. Douglas Kelly [15h]
- [The Context of English Puritanism](#) – Don Fortson [44m]
- [Puritan Worship and the Political Situation](#) – Don Fortson [38m]
- [The Reformation and the Puritans](#) – Bill Potter [56m]
- [Archbishop Cranmer](#) – Peter Adam [1h]
- [Thomas Cranmer](#) – Gordon Murray [1h14m]
- [Thomas Cranmer and the Anglican Enigma](#) – Gordon Murray [52m]
- [Field and Hooker](#) – David Holloway [1h25m]
- [John Knox and the Scottish Puritans](#) – Bill Potter [45m]
- [The Covenanters: No King but Jesus](#) – Bill Potter [53m]
- [Oliver Cromwell and His Russet-Coated Heroes](#) – Bill Potter [50m]
- [Oliver Cromwell](#) – Clive Goulden [1h23m]
- [Oliver Cromwell](#) – Peter Jeffrey [1h5m]
- [Oliver Cromwell](#) – Phil Arthur [1h45m]
- The Westminster Assembly [1](#), [2](#), and [3](#) – Dr. William Barker [1h36m]
- [The Westminster Assembly](#) – Don Fortson [49m]
- [The Westminster Assembly](#) – Dr. David Calhoun [45m]
- [The Westminster Assembly](#) - Dr. Curt Daniel [52m]
- [English Baptist Separatists](#) – Don Fortson [1h5m]
- [The Puritan Revival in England in the 17th Century](#) – Dr. Douglas Kelly [43m]
- [Marrow Controversy 1-3](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [3h30m]
- [Assurance Controversy in New England in 1636](#) – Ian Murray [55m]
- [Thomas Hooker and the Doctrine of Conversion](#) – Ian Murray [63m]
- [The Great Ejection of 1662](#) – Gary Brady [56m]
- [The Great Ejection of 1662 1-3](#) – Dr. Nick Needham [1h45m]
- [Axminster after 1662](#) – Stephen Rees [1h13m]
- [The Puritan Woman](#) – John Marshall [1h17m]
- [The Pilgrim Fathers](#) – Douglas Jones [1h]
- [Puritan Spirituality in Context](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [41m]
- [James I and his Bible](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [36m]
- [John Owen and the Practice of Theology](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [49m]
- [Puritan Reading Room](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [53m]
- American Puritans [1](#) and [2](#) – Dr. William Barker [107m]



Read and provide chapter summaries:

History of the Puritans, Vols. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#) – Daniel Neal [2595]
[The English Puritans](#) – John Brown [155]

TOTAL LECTURES: 58.5 hours; TOTAL PAGES: 2750

Create a Puritan Era timeline featuring a *minimum* of 50 key dates.

Write a 40 page paper on an historical theme/event covered in the lectures or readings above.

PH802 PURITAN BIOGRAPHIES: (3 credit hours)

Read and provide chapter summaries:

Lives of the Puritans, Vols. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) – Benjamin Brook [1597]
[John Owen Re-Presbyterianized](#) – Dr. Francis Nigel Lee [36]

Listen, outline, and take notes on the following lectures:

[Samuel Rutherford](#) – Phil Arthur [59min]
[Samuel Rutherford](#) – Robert McCollum [1hr10min]
[John Flavel](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [60min]
[Richard Sibbes](#) – Chris Richards [46min]
[Richard Sibbes](#) – Ron Frost [44min]
[The Reformation: Later Reformation I \(Lecture 32\)](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [52m]
[Richard Baxter](#) – Ian Murray [1hr19min]
[Richard Baxter and John Owen](#) – Don Fortson [36min]
[Life of John Owen 1 and 2](#) - Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [1hour 42min]
[John Owen](#) – Robert Oliver [59min]
Life and Character of John Owen [1](#), [2](#), and [3](#) – Jeremy Walker [2 hours 28 min]
[John Owen: The Man and His Time](#) – Dr. Carl Trueman [41min]
[John Bunyan](#) – Andrew Davies [54min]
[John Bunyan](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [42min]
[John Bunyan](#) – Geoff Thomas [50min]
[Philip Doddridge](#) – Alan Clifford [1 hour 26 min]
[Thomas Boston: Preacher of Christ](#) – William VanDoodewaard [63min]
[William Perkins](#) – Dr. Joseph Pipa [66 min]
[William Perkins](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [52min]
[Thomas Goodwin](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [48min]
[Thomas Manton](#) – Dr. Matthew McMahon [31min]

TOTAL LECTURES: 21.5 hours; TOTAL PAGES: 1633

Write a 40 page paper serving as a brief biography of one of the Puritans treated in the above lectures or readings



PH803 THE PURITANS AND THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS: (3 credit hours)

Read:

[The Westminster Confession of Faith](#) [30]
[Larger Catechism](#) [31]
[Shorter Catechism](#) [11]
[Directory for Public Worship](#) [29]
[Directory for Family Worship](#) [4]
[American Revision of the Standards](#) – Lee Irons [15]
[The Influence of James Ussher on Church History and the Westminster Confession of Faith](#) – Francis Nigel Lee [5]

Listen, outline, and taken notes on the following lectures:

[The Westminster Assembly](#) – Dr. C. Gregg Singer [50min]
[The Westminster Assembly](#) – Dr. John R. Dewitt [54min]
[The Westminster Assembly](#) – Dr. Alan Cairns [62min]
[Westminster Standards: Historical Context](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [64min]
[Westminster Standards: Summary of Constitution](#) – Dr. Sinclair Ferguson [64min]
[A Day at the Assembly](#) – Chad Van Dixhoorn [58min]
[The Westminster Assembly and Scripture](#) – Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn [60min]
Westminster Assembly and the Second Reformation [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) – Chad Van Dixhoorn [2h50m]
[Men of the Westminster Assembly 1-4,6,7](#) – Ian Goligher [3.5 hours]
[Puritan Preaching and the Westminster Confession](#) – Bill Potter [45min]
[Directory for Public Worship: Background](#) – Rowland Ward [51min]
[Directory for Public Worship: Elements and Practice](#) – Rowland Ward [56min]

Read and provide chapter summaries:

[The Westminster Assembly and Its Work](#) – Benjamin Warfield [76]
[History of the Westminster Assembly of Divines](#) – Hetherington [290]
[Truth and Victory over Error](#) – Dickson [302]
[Minutes of the Sessions of the Westminster Assembly](#) – Alexander Mitchell [646]
[The Westminster Assembly: Its History and Standards](#) – Alexander Mitchell [546]

TOTAL LECTURES: 15.5 hours

TOTAL PAGES: 1985

Write a 40 page commentary on the WCF using Dickson's work alongside Boston, Watson, and Willard's commentaries (Puritan Theology I,II,III) as key references.



PS890 DOCTORAL DISSERTATION: (6 credit hours)

Dissertation topics must first be approved by the seminary administration. *The dissertation topic must be directly related to Puritan studies.* Students should not begin dissertation work until the seminary administration has first approved the topic.

FORMATTING: Current Turabian

- 1) Your dissertation should be no less than 150 pages, 1 inch margins (1.5 inch left margin), twelve-point type, Times New Roman font, double spaced.
- 2) Your dissertation should be free of grammatical and syntax errors and should represent the caliber of work you have completed during your Doctoral Program.
- 3) Your dissertation should be consecutively numbered, with a table of contents and appendices if necessary. Your dissertation should be divided into relevant chapters with sub-section headings within each chapter. You will need to also include a list of tables, figures and illustrations that are included.
- 4) Your dissertation must include a submission page and full bibliography.
- 5) Your dissertation must be submitted to TNARS administration by your mentor (after grading) for final review and approval **before** you will be considered for graduation.