



## COVENANT

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### Covenant Reformed School

Introducing a school for high school students from Covenant Presbyterian Church and our community, where students receive high school credit for courses in theology and Bible.

#### Vision

The Reformed tradition has immense resources in the areas of theology, biblical interpretation, spirituality, and apologetics. For this tradition to continue to grow and thrive in the next generation, young people must hear the great voices of this tradition and learn to interact with them on the basis of God's inspired Word. Covenant Presbyterian Church has identified this need as a particularly strategic place to invest its resources.

#### Timing

The course offerings are one per year, on a three-year cycle. Courses are offered Sept–May, meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church (101 E National Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377) once a week for two hours for a total of 28 weeks. The day and time of meeting would be determined so as to give the maximum number of interested students the ability to meet (including the possibility of meeting in the evening or on Saturday; preference is given to those who signed up first).

#### Price

Courses are free to members of CPC, and \$400/year to non-members.

#### Workload & Transcripts

The workload would approximate a one credit-hour high school honors literature class. The courses are seminar-style, with primary source reading and paper-writing in between class meetings, and with class meetings focused on discussion of the readings. Because the primary source readings will often be challenging, students need to commit to working hard, as they would for an honors or AP high school class. Because open discussion is a critical learning strategy, students must also commit to participating thoughtfully and lovingly.

Grades are formally reported back to parents, who then can track them for homeschool transcripts or other purposes. For students involved in other schools (public or private), CPC will assist the student in having this coursework counted toward their diploma, although CPC cannot guarantee that these credits will transfer.



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### **Application**

Students must be ages 14–18 to participate, although requests for exceptions will be considered. To facilitate good discussion, class sizes max out at 12 students, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants should email Pastor Matthew Patton ([pastor@cpcvandalia.com](mailto:pastor@cpcvandalia.com)) before July 1 each year to request admission.

### **Course Offerings**

Although it is ideal to follow the complete three-year cycle in this order, students can go out of order. The offerings for years 2–3 are tentative and will depend on the success of the school in year 1.

#### **Year 1. Reformed Theological Literature – taught by Rev. Dr. Matthew H. Patton**

*Offered Fall 2017–Spring 2018*

Readings in great Reformed theologians and creeds, from Calvin to modern theologians, including the Westminster Confession of Faith, Herman Bavinck, John Murray, and others. The course will survey the major topics of theology, including God, creation, sin, salvation, and the church.

#### **Year 2. Biblical Literature and Reformed Interpretation**

*Tentatively Offered Fall 2018–Spring 2019*

Readings in the Bible and in great Reformed biblical interpreters, including Geerhardus Vos, Herman Ridderbos, Richard B. Gaffin, Jr., and others. The course will emphasize Christ-centered modes of interpretation and major biblical themes as well as in-depth interactions with particular biblical texts.

#### **Year 3a. Reformed Spiritual Literature**

*Tentatively Offered Fall 2019*

A half-year course on literature pertaining to Christian piety from a Reformed perspective. Readings are selected from the early reformers and the puritans on up through John Piper and other modern writers. Students learn how to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ from biblical foundations of a high view of the church, the preaching of the Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

#### **Year 3b. Reformed Apologetical Literature**

*Tentatively Offered Spring 2020*

A half-year course on literature pertaining to apologetics and worldview from a Reformed presuppositional perspective. Readings include selections from Kuyper, Van Til, Bahnsen, and others. Students learn to interact with non-Christian worldviews from a Reformed understanding of Scripture.