Students must read the following works during their first year of study and create an abstract for each book.

- Beale, G. K. *We Become What We Worship.*
- Carson, D.A. *Christ and Culture Revisited.*
- Carson, D.A. *Worship by the Book*
- Due, Noel. *Created for Worship.*
- Hill, Andrew E. *Enter His Courts with Praise.*
- Hustad, Donald P. *Jubilate II: Church Music in Worship and Renewal.*
- Plummer, Robert L. *40 Questions about Interpreting the Bible.*
- Ross, Allen P. *Recalling the Hope of Glory.*
- Thomas, Derek W.H. and Duncan, J. Ligon III, Edited by Ryken, Philip G. *Give Praise to God.*