

FIRST CYCLE - BACCALAUREATE

ADMISSION

The requirements for admission to the First Cycle are as follows:

A *secondary-school* ("high school") *diploma* which would qualify the applicant for admission to a college or university in his or her own country;

Successful completion of *two years* of university-level study *in philosophy*, including courses in Logic, Epistemology, Philosophical Psychology (Philosophy of the Human Person, Philosophical Anthropology), Philosophy of Nature, Ethics (Moral Philosophy), Metaphysics, and the History of Philosophy;

A knowledge of the elements of form and syntax of Latin.

A sufficient knowledge of English or Italian; students whose mother tongue is neither English nor Italian will have to undergo a language proficiency **test**

PLAN OF STUDY

In the three-year baccalaureate cycle, a general and organic exposition of Catholic theology is offered in the form of courses and seminars.

I. The *principal subjects* of the courses are as follows:

A. **Scripture**: a general Introduction course, and eight additional courses concentrating on different parts of the Old Testament (historical books, prophets, wisdom literature) and the New Testament (Synoptic Gospels, Pauline letters, Johannine writings, Acts of the Apostles, and Catholic Epistles).

B. **Dogmatic Theology**: two initial courses in fundamental theology – Introduction to Theology and Theological Method, and Theology of Revelation – followed by specialized courses offering a systematic exploration of the mystery of salvation in three phases, according to the theological vision of St. Thomas' *Summa Theologiae*:

1. its origin: the mystery of God, the beginning and end of the whole order of salvation;
2. its historic center: the mystery of Christ and of the Church – Christology, Mariology, Ecclesiology;
3. its eschatological intentionality: the full revelation of Christ's glory at the Parousia, and its anticipation meanwhile in the sacramental life of the Church whereby Christ remains a vivifying presence to his members.

C. **Moral Theology and Spirituality**: initial courses in fundamental moral theology and spiritual theology, followed by specialized courses on grace, the theological and moral virtues, and contemporary issues especially in the realm of social justice.

D. **Positive Theology**: this category includes subjects which constitute additional "sources" of theology (patrology, Christian archaeology, Church history) and applications of theology to church life (liturgy, pastoral theology, canon law).

II. The *auxiliary subjects* are New Testament Greek, and biblical Hebrew.

III. In addition, students are required to take *two seminars* during their second year and *one annual seminar* during their third year, which acquaint them with a variety of special contemporary problems in theology, and which also serve as a practical initiation into scientific theological work.

ATTAINMENT OF THE DEGREE

- a) The student is required to write a final paper of approximately 30 pages, under the direction of the Professor of the integrative seminar.
- b) Students who cannot frequent the year-long seminar must take the Comprehensive Examination on a list of 30 themes.

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

TE 1364 Introduction to Sacred Scripture.

6 ECTS

The course aims to provide an introduction to hermeneutical method. This will be done by means of a critical examination of contemporary trends in Biblical interpretation. In this regard, particular attention will be given to the Historical-Critical Method. There will then be a consideration of the hermeneutical principles underlying some of the more recent trends. The course will further deal with such questions as historicity, inspiration and the nature of Biblical truth. There will be a focus on the actualization of the Bible in the life of the Church, with a consideration of such topics as *Lectio Divina*, the Ministry of the Word, and Inculturation

BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.E.BROWN, *The Critical Meaning of the Bible*, London: Chapman 1981; R. F. COLLINS, *Introduction to the New Testament*, London: SCM 1992; J.A. FITZMYER, *An Introductory Bibliography for the Study of Scripture*, Rome: PIB 1990; J.A. FITZMYER, *The Biblical Commission's Document "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church"* Rome: PIB 1995; P.S. WILLIAMSON, *Catholic Principles for Interpreting Scripture*, Rome: PIB 2001.

J. DOWNEY

Wed. 8.30-10.15; Fri. 10.30-12.15

TE 1365 The Pentateuch and the Historical Books of the OT.

6 ECTS

Introductory: This part of the course focuses on the main theologies of history in the Pentateuch and the Historical Books of the O.T.: Israel's theology of history prior to history-writing, the theology of history in the Yahwistic, Elohist, Deuteronomistic and Priestly traditions, and in the Chronicler's account *Exegetical:* The Priestly Account of Creation (Gn 1:1 - 2:4a), the Story of Paradise (Gn 2:4b - 3:24), the Flood (Gn 6:5 - 9:17), the Ten Commandments (Ex 20: 1-17; Dt 5:6-21).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. BRIGHT, *A History of Israel*, Philadelphia 1981³; O. EISSFELDT, *The Old Testament. An Introduction*, Oxford 1966; P.F. ELLIS, *The Yahwist: the Bible's First Theologian*, Collegeville, Minnesota 1981; G. VON RAD, *The Problem of the Hexateuch and Other Essays*, Edinburgh & London 1966; R. RENDTORFF, *The Old Testament. An Introduction*, London 1985, Philadelphia 1986.

J. AGIUS

Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. 9.30-10.15

TE 2372 The Mystery of the Living God.**6 ECTS**

After some introductory remarks on the "God" question, the progressive revelation of God in the Bible (OT & NT) will be studied. Then the God-revelation as handed down and elaborated in the teaching of the Fathers and the Magisterium will be treated of (in this context Unitarian and Trinitarian heterodox opinions will be examined; also the Filioque controversy). Next theological reflection on the main aspects of God in God's oneness and God in God's three-personed nature will be studied. Also God in some of the major world religions will be dealt with.

BIBLIOGRAFIA: S. THOMAS AQUINAS, *S.Theol.* I, qq. 1-43 (English trans. London: Blackfriars, 1965); M. O'CARROLL, *Trinitas*, Delaware: Michael Glazier, 1987; W. HILL, *The Three-personed God*, Washington DC: Catholic University Press, 1984; W. KASPER, *The God of Jesus Christ*, London: SCM Press, 1983; E. FORTMAN, *The Theology of God*, Milwaukee: Bruce, 1968; E. FORTMAN, *The Triune God*, Michigan: Baker, 1982; E. HILL, *The Mystery of the Trinity*, London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1986; J. O'DONNELL, *The Mystery of the Triune God*, London: Sheed and Ward, 1988.

P. LOBO

Tue. Thu. 10.30-12.15

TE 1366 Fundamental Theology.**5 ECTS**

The course is an introduction to Fundamental Theology as a subject of theology, the history of Apologetics and the main questions of Fundamental Theology: Religion, God, Revelation and Church.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. RATZINGER, *Introduction to Christianity*, London 1969; K. RAHNER, *Foundations of Christian Faith*, New York 1978; G. O'COLLINS, *Fundamental Theology*, Eugene 1981; E. SCHILLEBEECKX, *Church – The Human Story of God*, New York 1990.

C. BARWASSER

Wed. 10.30-12.15; Fri. 8.30-9.15

TE 1367 Introduction to Theology and Theological Method.**3 ECTS**

1. The question of theology. 2. The theory of theology as a science. 3. Theological principles and methods. 4. The sources of theology. 5. The different subjects of theology. 6. Theology in a post theological time?

BIBLIOGRAPHY: B. LONERGAN, *Method in Theology*, Dartman, London 1973; W PANNENBERG, *Theology and the Philosophy of Science*, Westminster Pr., Philadelphia 1976; J. RATZINGER/BENEDICT XVI, *Principles of Catholic Theology. Building Stones for a Fundamental Theology*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco 1987; J. WICKS, *Doing Theology*, Paulist Press, Mahwah NJ 2009.

C. BARWASSER

Mon. Tue. 8.30-9.15

TE 1369 History of the Ancient Church.**3 ECTS**

A survey of the major events in the Church's history from its beginnings through the reign of Pope Gregory the Great. The first Church in its Jewish-Gentile context, expansion and conflict with paganism, Constantine and the Christian empire, the early Councils and the

process of doctrinal definitions, the rise of monasticism, the Church in the age of the barbarian invasions.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Any convenient *History of the Early Church*, may be used as a supplement to the lectures, e.g. H. CHADWICK, *The Early Church*, 1967; J. DANIELOU – H. MARROU, *The Christian Centuries*, vol. I, *The first six hundred years*, 1964; W.H.C. FRENCH, *The Rise of Christianity*, 1984.

E. DITTON

Mon. 10.30-12.15

TE 0371 Biblical Greek. (Year-long course)

3 ECTS

E. DITTON

Thu. 8.30-9.15

SECOND SEMESTER

TE 2371 The Synoptic Gospels.

6 ECTS

The course considers the following issues: the formation of the Synoptic Gospels, source criticism, form criticism, redaction criticism, the Synoptic problem and proposed solutions. The Matthean and Lucan Infancy Narrative. The Christological titles, the Parables and the Miracles. Passion, Resurrection of Jesus. Exegesis of selected passages.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.F. COLLINS, *Introduction to the New Testament*, Doubleday, Garden City, NY., 1987; R.H. FULLER, *Interpreting the Miracles*, SCM, London 1982; J. JEREMIAS, *Die Gleichnisse Jesu*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen, ⁷1965 [Engl. tr.: *The Parables of Jesus*, Scribner's, New York 1963]; W.G. KÜMMEL, *Einleitung in das Neue Testament*, Quelle und Meyer, Heidelberg, ¹⁹1978 [Engl. tr.: *Introduction to the New Testament*, 14th ed., Abingdon, Nashville 1966]; E.P. SANDERS, – M. DAVIES, *Studying the Synoptic Gospels*, SCM Pres/Trinity Press international, London/Harrisburg, PA, 1989, Sixth impression 2002.

S. JURIČ

Tue. Fri. 8.30-10.15

TE 2546 The Acts of the Apostles.

3 ECTS

The course will deal with the following topics: 1) General Introduction to the Acts: Authorship, Date, Various Sources, Literary Forms and Structure of the Book. 2) A close look into the Content of the Acts; analysis of each chapter. 3) Theological aspects of the Acts: Christology, Ecclesiology and Pneumatology.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.E. BROWN, *Introduction to New Testament*, Theological Publication of India, Bangalore, 2002; J.A. FITZMYER, *The Acts of the Apostles, The New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*, in AB, Doubleday, New York, 1998; J.C. LENTZ, *Luke's Portrait of Paul*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993; J.M. O'CONNOR, *Paul: His Story*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2004; J. ZMIJEWSKI, *Atti degli Apostoli*, Editrice Morcelliana, Brescia, 2006.

J. VEIGAS

Thu. 8.30-10.15

TE 2374 Eschatology. 3 ECTS

This course will look at: 1. Eschatology in scripture and tradition; 2. Individual eschatology, death, judgement and the after life; 3. General eschatology “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”; 4. The Christian’s engagement in the present world with a view to the parousia still to come.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Council Documents; some of the Fathers of the Church; THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae*, III, Supplement; J. RATZINGER, *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*, The Catholic University of America Press, Washington D.C., 1988; some other sources.

R. O CONNOR Fri. 10.30-12.15

TE 2543 Introduction to Patristic Teaching. 3 ECTS

A historical and doctrinal survey of the patristic era concentrating on key individuals who helped to shape the Church as we know it today. The emphasis will be on the reading of primary texts.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. QUASTEN et al., *Patrology*, 4 vols., Westminster, Md. 1986; B. RAMSEY, *Beginning to Read the Fathers*, New York 1985. Additional reading to be assigned.

E. DITTON Wed. 8.30-10.15

TE 1368 Fundamental Moral Theology. 6 ECTS

An introduction to the basic principles of Moral Theology, following the *Ia-IIae* of the *Summa Theologiae* of St. Thomas Aquinas and the encyclical *Veritatis splendor* of John Paul II.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae, Ia-IIae*, q. 106-108; JOHN PAUL II, *Veritatis splendor*; S. PINCKAERS, *The Sources of Christian Ethics*, Washington 1995; L. MELINA, *Sharing Christ’s Virtues*, Washington 2001.

W. GIERTYCH Tue. Wed. 10.30-12.15

TE 2376 Introduction to Christian Worship. 3 ECTS

An introductory course to the western Church’s worship, including its history and development, its guiding principles and its forms.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: A. ADAM, *The Liturgical Year*; T. KLAUSER, *A Short History of the Western Liturgy*; T. KOCIK, *The Reform of the Reform?*; Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.

M. MONSHAU Mon. 8.30-10.15

TE 2545 Introduction to the World’s Great Religions. 3 ECTS

In line with the teaching of Vatican Council II that the Church “rejects nothing of what is true and holy in the religions” (*Nostra aetate* 2) the course offers a concise presentation of some of the major religious traditions of our contemporary world. Following an initial

exploration of the religious phenomenon in general, attention will be focused on the basic elements of Indian religions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism, Far Eastern traditions (Confucianism, Taoism and Shinto), Islam as well as on the emerging New Age spirituality in Western culture that indicates a changing religious landscape to which theology has to pay attention.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: C.J. BLEEKER - G. WIDENGREN (eds.), *Historia Religionum. Handbook for the History of Religions, vol. II: Religions of the Present*, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1971; J.R. HINNELLS (ed.), *A New Handbook of Living Religions*; Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1997; I. MARKHAM (ed.), *A World Religions Reader*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1996; A. SHARMA (ed.), *Our Religions*, New York: Harper Collins 1993; F.J. STRENG, *Understanding Religious Life*; Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1985.

M. FUSS

Mon. 10.30-12.15

TE 2377 Christian Archaeology.

3 ECTS

The history and methodology of Christian archaeology; an introduction to early Christian Rome; the written sources; the monuments: cemeteries, buildings for worship, inscriptions, works of art; visits to the monuments in and near Rome.

E. DITTON

Thu. 10.30-11.15

TE 0371 Biblical Greek. (Year-long course)

3 ECTS

E. DITTON

Thu. 11.30-12.15

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

TE 1378 The Epistles of St. Paul.

6 ECTS

The course has three parts. *Part 1, is an appreciation of Pauline personality and letters:* 1) Paul and *his gospel:* an overture. 2) Damascus encounter and Pauline understanding of Law. 3) A structural view of his letters. 4) Paul, the apostle of the nations. 5) Prophetic and pastoral portraits of Paul. 6) Paul, the theologian of the early church. *Part 2, is an appraisal of Pauline theology:* 1) Pauline anthropology. 2) Human integration *in Christ* and aspects of salvation. 3) Being an authentic Christian: *faith-baptism*. 4) Pauline spirituality: challenges & limitations. *Part 3, is an exegetical analysis of Pauline letters:* 1) *Early letters* (1 & 2 Thess). 2) *Great letters* (Gal, 1 & 2 Cor, Rom). 3) *Captivity Letters* (Phil, Philem, Col, Eph). 4) *Pastoral letters* (1 & 2 Tim, Tit).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: C.K. BARRETT, *Paul, An Introduction to His Thought*. Chapman, London. 1994; J. BECKER, *Paulus, der Apostel der Völker*. Mohr, Tübingen, 1992²; Eng. trans.: *Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles*. Westminster, Louisville, KY, 1993; G. BORNKAMM, *Paulus*. Kohlhammer, Stuttgart, 1993⁷; Eng. trans.: *Paul*. Fortress, Minneapolis, 1995; J.A. FITZMYER, *According to Paul. Studies in the Theology of the Apostle*. Paulist, New York, 1993; J. MURPHY-O'CONNOR, *Paul, A Critical Life*. University Press, Oxford, 1996.

M. AVILA

Mon. Thu. 8.30-10.15

TE 2379 Ecclesiology.**5 ECTS**

Taking its cue from the promise of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, to be “with you always,” and following the order of the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, this course explores the nature, mission and structures of the Church.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Besides the pertinent documents of the Second Vatican Council and of the subsequent magisterium, students are expected to choose a book from the professor’s select bibliography. All shall also read: J. O’CONNOR – V. GASSER, *The Gift of Infallibility*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2008; Pius XII, Encyclical *Mystici Corporis*, 1943.

R. CHRISTIAN

Mon. 10.30-12.15; Fri. 8.30-9.15

TE 1380 Mariology.**3 ECTS**

This course will consider the person and role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the history of salvation. Special attention will be given to the doctrines of her Immaculate Conception and Assumption. Consideration will also be given to understanding Marian devotion in Christian life and spirituality as well as the significance and Mariological teachings of the apparitions of Mary in Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Knock.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: JOHN PAUL II, *Redemptionis Mater*, and *Theotokos: Woman, Mother, Disciple: A Catechesis on Mary, Mother of God*. Paoline Books, Boston, 2000, J.L. BASTERO, *Mary and the Fathers of the Church: The Blessed Virgin Mary in Patristic Thought*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 1999; L. GAMBERO, *Mary in the Middle Ages: The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Thought of Medieval Latin Theologians*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2006

L. BUCKLES

Thu. 10.30-12.15

TE 2373 Theology of Grace.**3 ECTS**

After examining the biblical and patristic evidence as well as the main lines of the teaching of the Church’s Magisterium in answer to heterodox opinions, the course will study theologically the meaning and place of grace - God’s life in us: the authentic life of the human spirit - in the life of Christians and its implications in light of the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas and other more recent and contemporary theological reflection.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae*, I-II-ae, qq. 109-114; S. DUFFY, *The Dynamics of Grace*, Minnesota 1993; J. NICOLAS, *The Mystery of God’s Grace*, London 1950; H. RONDET, *The Grace of Christ*, Westminster 1967; J. HENNESSEY, *Grace*, Roma 1987.

P. LOBO

Tue. 8.30-10.15

TE 1381 Christian Faith, Hope and Charity.**5 ECTS**

The theological virtues through which a contact with God is established and developed are studied according to their presentation in the *Summa of Theology* of Aquinas.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae, IIa-IIae*, q.1-2; 17-18; 23-25; R. CESSARIO, *Christian Faith and the Theological Life* (Washington: Catholic University Press, 1996); P. WADELL, *Friendship and the Moral Life* (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1989).

W. GIERTYCH

Tue. 10.30-12.15; Fri. 9.30-10.15

TE 2375 Spiritual Theology.

3 ECTS

The invitation to spiritual communion with God as presented in the First Letter of St John. Study of selected texts from the Christian spiritual tradition (eg. Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Romans*, St Augustine, *Confessions*) with special emphasis on the following themes: God's saving mercy, prayer, the ascetical life, growth in holiness and contemporary spirituality.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Ample bibliography will be suggested during the lectures.

P. MURRAY

Wed. 8.30-10.15

TE 1383 Introduction to Canon Law.

3 ECTS

1. The meaning and function of a juridical order in the Church. 2. Historical introduction. 3. General norms of Canon Law. 4. The People of God: its constitution. 5. The supreme authority of the Church.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Code of Canon Law*, 1983; N.P. TANNER (ed.), *Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils*, 2 volumes, London 1990; F.G. MORRISEY, *The Canonical Significance of Papal and Curial Pronouncements*, Washington D.C.; H.J. BERMAN, *Law and Revolution: The Formation of the Western Legal Tradition*, Cambridge 1983; J. TITE - D. WARD (ed.), *Readings, Cases, Materials in Canon Law: A Text book for Ministerial Students*, revised edition, Collegeville Minnesota 1990.

M. CARRAGHER

Fri. 10.30-12.15

SECOND SEMESTER

TE 2384 The Prophetic Books of the OT.

6 ECTS

Part One: The Prophetic Movement, Messianism, The Presence of Christ in the Old Testament. **Part Two:** Introduction to the Book of Isaiah and Exegesis of the Book of the Immanuel (Is 6 - 12). **Part Three:** Introduction to the Book of Daniel and Exegesis of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks (Dn 9).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. BLENKINSOPP, *A History of Prophecy in Israel*, Philadelphia 1983; R.W. WILSON, *Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel*, Philadelphia 1980; J. LINDBLOM, *Prophecy in Ancient Israel*, Oxford rep. 1965.

J. AGIUS

Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. 8.30-9.15

TE 2385 Christology.**6 ECTS**

1. Introduction to the Subject of the course; 2. The historical approach to the life and death of Jesus Christ; 3. The history of the Christological dogma; 4. Systematic Christology; 5. The meaning of Christ – Systematic Soteriology.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae* III, qq 1-59; J.N.D. KELLY, *Early Christian Creeds*, 3rd ed. New York 1972; J.N.D. KELLY, *Early Christian Doctrines*, 5th ed. London 1977; E. SCHILLEBEECKX, *Jesus – An Experiment in Christology*, New York 1979; R. KERESZTY, *Jesus Christ: Fundamentals of Christology*, New York 2002.

C. BARWASSER

Mon. 11.30-12.15 ; Tue. 10.30-11.15 ; Thu. 10.30-12.15

TE 2547 Pneumatology.**3 ECTS**

This course will study the mystery of the Person of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Trinity and the Spirit's mission in the Church and in our lives. The inspiration of Holy Scripture and the guidance of Tradition will be studied as the work and manifestation of the Spirit. We will also consider the Spirit's activity in the life of grace, especially in his seven gifts and in the charisms. Theological issues raised by the charismatic renewal and the Pentecostal movement will also be considered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Y. CONGAR, *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, 3 volumes, Seabury Press, New York, 1983; G. EMERY, *The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God*, The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, DC, 2011; THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae* I, q. 36-43; I-II, q. 68-69; II-II, q. 171-178.

B. BLANKENHORN

Tue. Fri. 11.30-12.15

TE 2386 Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance.**6 ECTS**

After an introductory examination of the historical foundations of the doctrine of the cardinal virtues, the virtues of prudence, fortitude, and temperance are studied: 1) individually; 2) in the context of their relationship to other virtues; 3) in their practical bearing on the Christian life.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Summa Theologiae* II-IIae, qq47-56; 123-170; R. CESSARIO, *The Moral Virtues and Theological Virtues*, 2nd Ed. University of Notre Dame, 2009; R.E. HOUSER, *The Cardinal Virtues*, PIMS, Toronto, 2004; J. PIEPER, *The Four Cardinal Virtues*, University of Notre Dame, 1966.

C.J. DROSTE

Tue. Thu. 9.30-10.15; Fri. 9.30-11.15

TE 1382 History of the Medieval Church.**3 ECTS**

A survey of the major events in the Church's history from the early Middle Ages to the year 1500. The reconversion of Europe, Church and Empire in the time of Charlemagne, the divergence of East and West, Church-State conflict and the rise of the papacy, Christian culture in the high Middle Ages, the decline of the medieval Church and the dawning of a new age.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Any convenient *History of the Medieval Church* may be used as a supplement to the lectures, e.g. M. EAMESLY, *A History of the Medieval Church*, 1925, rep.

1974; D. KNOWLES - D. OBOLENSKY, *The Christian Centuries*, vol. II, The Middle Ages, 1969.

E. DITTON, OP

Mon. 9.30-11.15

NOTA BENE: Students have to attend two Seminars.

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

TE 1387 The Psalms and Wisdom Books of the O.T. 6 ECTS

The Psalms: Name, authorship, occasions, compilation, contents, liturgical usage, literary forms, teaching; the Christian psalms; Hebrew poetry. *Wisdom Literature*: Concept and origin of Wisdom Literature in Ancient Near East and Israel. the Wisdom view of family, social relations, elementary morality, retribution in Proverbs, Job, Qoheleth. The development of Wisdom in the Hellenistic period: Sirach, Wisdom.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.J. CLIFFORD, *The Wisdom Literature*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1998; J.L. CRENSHAW, *Old Testament Wisdom: An Introduction*, J. Knox, Atlanta, 1981; M. DAHOOD, *Psalms I-III*, (AB16, 17, 17A), Doubleday, Garden City, NY, 1966-1970; H.-J. KRAUS, *Psalmen I-II*, (BKAT 15/1-2), Neukirchener Verlag, Neukirchen-Vluyn, ¹1978 [Engl. tr.: *The Psalms I-II*, Augsburg, Minneapolis 1988]; R.E. MURPHY, *The Tree of Life: An Exploration of Biblical Wisdom Literature*, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Mich., ²1996.

S. JURIČ

Mon. Thu. 8.30-10.15

TE 1544 Catholic Epistles. 2 ECTS

The course will deal with the General Introduction and analysis of the letter of James, the two letters of Peter and the letter of Jude, considering the following aspects of each letter: authorship, place and date of composition, the recipients, the purpose, the literary genre, the language, the structure and the theological aspects.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: A.J. BATTEN, *What Are They Saying about the Letter of James?* Paulist, 2009; J.H. ELLIOTT, *I-II Peter / Jude*, Minneapolis 1982; P.J. HARTIN, *James, First Peter, Jude, Second Peter*. The Liturgical Press, 2006; G. MARCONI, *Narrare l'etica. Gli esempi nelle lettere di Giacomo, Pietro e Giuda*, Milano 2004; D. SENIOR - D. HARRINGTON. *1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter*. Sacra Pagina. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2002.

J. VEIGAS

Thu. 11.30-12.15

TE 1398 The Sacraments in the life of the Church [I].**6 ECTS**

After a presentation of general sacramental theory, this course will examine the current rites in the Eastern and Western Churches, their bases in Scripture and Tradition, and the historical development of the sacramental rites, before treating systematically of the theology of Baptism and Confirmation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: The liturgical rites and their instructions; the pertinent sections of Saint THOMAS AQUINAS' *Summa Theologiae*; A. CHUPUNGCO, *Handbook for Liturgical Studies IV: Sacraments and Sacramentals*, Pueblo, Collegeville, 2000; E. SCHILLEBEECKX, *Christ the Sacrament of Encounter with God*, Sheed and Ward, London, 1999.

R. CHRISTIAN

Tue. 8.30-10.15; Fri. 10.30-12.15

TE 1389 Justice and Allied Virtues.**5 ECTS**

Justice in relation to charity and other Christian virtues. The notion of "right" in medieval and modern Catholic tradition. Society and the common good in relation to legal, distributive, and commutative justice. Specific requirements of justice regarding human life, material goods, honor and esteem, communication, privacy and secrecy. Religion in connection with justice. Truthfulness, gratitude, and other associated virtues. Equity as essential complement to justice.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, qq. 57-122; G. GRISEZ, *The Way of the Lord Jesus*, vol. II & III, Franciscan Press (Quincy IL, USA), 1993 & 1997; K.H. PESCHKE, *Christian Ethics*, vol. II, C. Goodliffe Neale (Alcester, UK), 1997; J. PIEPER, *The Four Cardinal Virtues*, Notre Dame, IN (USA), 1966; B. WILLIAMS, Printed course notes.

C.J. DROSTE

Thu. 10.30-11.15 ; Fri. 8.30-10.15

TE 1390 Pastoral Theology.**3 ECTS**

The course will look at the role of the pastor, conformed to Christ as king, prophet and priest, in his care of the community, the school, the family and the individual. It will also examine the various roles of lay people who help in this work, and finally at the pastor's own needs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Some of the documents of Vatican II and post conciliar documents. Reference will also be made to relevant sections of the Code of Canon Law.

R. O CONNOR

Mon. 10.30-12.15

TE 1391 History of the Modern Church.**3 ECTS**

A Survey of the major events of the Church's history from the year 1500 to the present: the reformation and the catholic response, missions, the Church in the age of absolutism, the challenge of the Enlightenment and the age of revolution, liberalism and Vatican I, coming to terms with the modern world, Vatican II and beyond.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Any convenient history of the modern Church may be used as a supplement to the lectures.

E. DITTON

Wed. 8.30-10.15

TE 2548 Ecumeni-call Awareness: An Introductory Course on Ecumenism.3 ECTS

As usual, the course will be organized according to “Modules”: Spirituality, Method, History, Systematics. Students will be required to attend classes for two Modules, at their choice. Personal study and research, according to the guidelines given by the Professor, will be required for the remaining Modules not chosen by the student.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Required readings: *Unitatis Redintegratio, Ut Unum Sint, Directory for the Application of the Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*. A specific bibliography will be provided for each Module.

T.F. ROSSI

Tue. 10.30-12.15

SECOND SEMESTER

TE 2392 The Johannine Writings. 6 ECTS

There will be an initial survey of contemporary critical thinking on the body of writings (the Fourth Gospel, 1-3 John and the Apocalypse) traditionally ascribed to the Beloved Disciple. The course will then go on to treat the main theological and Christological themes of the Gospel and Epistles. Particular attention will be given to the themes of Temple, Light and Life in the Book of Signs. The Book of Glory will then be explored, with particular to the Passion Narrative in the Synoptics. Separate consideration will be given to the apocalyptic literary form, with a view to exploring the main themes of the Apocalypse. In all cases, the study will be carried out by means of a detailed exegesis of representative passages.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: R.E BROWN, *The Community of the Beloved Disciple*, Paulist Press, 1979; Idem, *The Gospel According to John*. 2 vols., The Anchor Bible 29–29A, New York: Doubleday, 1966; Idem, *The Epistles of John*, The Anchor Bible 30, New York: Doubleday, 1982; J. M. FORD, *Revelation*, The Anchor Bible 38, New York: Doubleday, 1975; B. LINDARS, et al., *The Johannine Literature*, Sheffield, England : Sheffield Academic Press, 2000; R. SCHNACKENBURG, *The Gospel according to John*, 3 vols., New York 1968-1982.

J. DOWNEY

Tue. Thu. 8.30-10.15

TE 2393 Eucharist. 3 ECTS

This course will offer a theological exposition of the mystery of the Holy Eucharist in the life of the Church from the perspective of Scripture, the liturgical tradition, the Fathers, St. Thomas Aquinas, conciliar teaching and contemporary theology. The Eucharist will be seen from the perspective of sacrifice, presence and communion. The place of the Eucharist in the spiritual life centered on Christ and his Mystical Body will be shown.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: M. LEVERING, *Sacrifice and Community: Jewish Offering and Christian Eucharist*, Wiley-Blackwell, London, 2006; E. SCHILLEBEECKX, *The Eucharist*, Sheed & Ward, London 1968; THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae* III, q. 73-83. *God is Near Us: The Eucharist, the Heart of Life*, San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2003.

B. BLANKENHORN

Mon. 9.30-11.15

TE 2501 The Sacraments in the Life of the Church [III].

5 ECTS

This course studies the *lex orandi* of Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony by means of an examination of the liturgical and theological history of each, so that the *lex credendi* may be understood.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: The liturgical rites and their instructions; the pertinent sections of Saint THOMAS AQUINAS' *Summa Theologiae*; A. CHUPUNGO, *Handbook for Liturgical Studies IV: Sacraments and Sacramentals*, Pueblo, Collegeville, 2000; International Theological Commission, *From the Diakonia of Christ to the Diakonia of the Apostles*, 2003; S. WOOD, *Sacramental Orders*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, 2000.

R. CHRISTIAN

Mon. 11.30-12.15; Tue. 10.30-12.15

TE 2499 Specialized Morals: Familial Issues.

3 ECTS

The foundation and development of the Church's theological and moral teaching concerning marriage and sexuality, with emphasis upon pastoral challenges for married and family life arising from contemporary issues in the realms of gender, sexuality, bioethics, and socio-political concerns.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: W. URBINE & W. SIEFERT, *On Life and Love: A Guide to Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Family*, Mystic, CT, Twenty-Third Publications, 1993; All Papal Encyclicals, Apostolic Exhortations and Instructions concerning Matrimony and Family life from 1880 until the present, with special emphasis upon *Familiaris Consortio*; Additional thematic bibliography to be given as the course progresses.

S. REHRAUER

Fri. 10.30-12.15

TE 2500 Specialized Morals: Critical international, Political, Economic Issues.

3 ECTS

The foundation, understanding and development of Catholic Social Teaching, as witnessed in the papal social encyclicals and other magisterial documents. Special attention is given to the evolution of Catholic teaching on human rights, war and peace, globalisation and economic justice.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2004[5]; MAGISTERIAL DOCUMENTS: *Rerum Novarum*; *Quadragesimo Anno*; *Mater et Magistra*; *Pacem in Terris*; *Gaudium et Spes*; *Populorum Progressio*; *Octogesima Adveniens*; *Laborem Exercens*; *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*; *Centesimus Annus*; *Caritas in Veritate*. Additional sources will be provided in the syllabus and referenced in the lectures.

C.J. DROSTE

Thu. 10.30-12.15

TE 2396 The Church's Legislation on Sacraments. 3 ECTS

The celebration of the Sacraments according to the Rites and the Code of Canon Law.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: A. HALLIGAN, *The Sacraments and Their Celebration*, New York 1986; A. MARTIMORT (ed.), *The Church at Prayer*, voll. 2 and 3 (The Eucharist - The Sacraments), Collegeville 1986-1988.

M. CARRAGHER Fri. 8.30-10.15

NOTA BENE: Students have to attend one year-long *Seminar*.

OPTIONAL COURSES

FIRST SEMESTER

bP 1419 Biblical Hebrew A. 3 ECTS
J. AGIUS Tue. 15.30-17.15

SECOND SEMESTER

bP 2428 Biblical Hebrew B. 3 ECTS
J. AGIUS Tue. 15.30-17.15

SEMINARS FOR SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

FIRST SEMESTER

SE 2122 Early Monastic Texts. 4 ECTS
E. DITTON Wed. 15.30-17.15

SE 1308 The Quest for God in the Islamic Mystical Tradition. 4 ECTS
J. ELLUL Wed. 10.30-12.15

SE 1298 Foundations in Preaching Practicum. 4 ECTS

BIBLIOGRAPHY: T. LONG, *The Witness of Preaching* (Westminster/John Knox Press, USA), any edition; M. MONSHAU, ed., *Preaching at the Double Feast* (Liturgical Press, USA), any edition.

M. MONSHAU Wed. 10.30-12.15

SE 1309 The Creed in St. Thomas. 4 ECTS
R. O CONNOR Wed. 15.30-17.15

SECOND SEMESTER

SE 2214 Readings in the Acts of the Martyrs. 4 ECTS
E. DITTON Wed. 15.30-17.15

SE 2295 Foundations in Preaching Practicum. 4 ECTS

BIBLIOGRAPHY: T. LONG, *The Witness of Preaching* (Westminster/John Knox Press, USA), any edition; M. MONSHAU, ed., *Preaching at the Double Feast* (Liturgical Press, USA), any edition.

M. MONSHAU Wed. 10.30-12.15

SE 2310 Naming the Unknowable God: Aquinas and Contemporary Challenges. 4 ECTS

How should we understand the mystics when they refer to God as “unknown”? Can we speak of God as “mother”? How can we explain that our names for God are more than just projections of human ideas onto him? Are other religions’ descriptions of God equal in value to the divine names of Scripture? This seminar aims to guide students in the reading of classical and contemporary theological texts on God’s names in order to deal with these challenges. Special emphasis will be given to the work of St. Thomas Aquinas.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. HICK, *A Christian Theology of Religion: The Rainbow of Faiths*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 1995; E. JOHNSON, *She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse*, Crossroad, New York, 1992; THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae* I, q. 13.

B. Blankenhorn, OP.

B. BLANKENHORN Wed. 8.30-10.15

SE 2311 The New Covenant in the New Testament, a New Relationship? 4 ECTS

The New covenant embodied in the person of Jesus becomes a major theme in the New Testament and the life of the Church. This Seminar attempts to guide the students to take a look at the “Relationship” aspect of the Covenant detaching it from strictly legal connotations and providing reflections on the new relationship effected between God and man through the event of the Incarnation. Statements in the New Testament like “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14); “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” (Luke 22:20), “He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant” (2 Col 3:6) point to the transformation of the old Covenant into a new one. The participants of the Seminar will be lead to discover the salient characteristics of the transformation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: HAHN, Scott W., *Kinship by Covenant: a Canonical Approach to the Fulfillment of God's saving promises*, New Haven (CT); London: Yale University Press, 2009; HILLERS Delbert R., *Covenant: The History of a Biblical Idea*, London: John Hopkins press, 1969; RENDTORFF R., *The Covenant formula : An Exegetical and Theological Investigation*, Translated by Margaret Kohl, Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1998.

T. MASCARENHAS Thu. 17.30-19.15

YEAR-LONG SEMINARS FOR THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

SE 0002 Sacraments: The Word Made Flesh. 8 ECTS

This integrative seminar explores the following areas through the “optic” of the sacraments: sin and grace; the Incarnation; the Priesthood of Jesus Christ; the Church as a Priestly People; soteriology; the worship life of the Church as an experience of the revealing God; and the connection between cult and the Church’s social teaching.

R. CHRISTIAN

Wed. 10.30-12.15

SE 0009 The Kingdom of God: Heaven Calls; Earth Enters In. 8 ECTS

Theological analysis of the Kingdom of God revolves around two fundamental questions: 1) What is the kingdom? and 2) How does man enter into the Kingdom? Following the methodology of the third-year S.T.B. seminar, this seminar studies the Kingdom of God from a variety of perspectives including Scriptural, Christological, ecclesiological ecumenical, pastoral, and moral.

C. DROSTE

Wed. 15.30-17.15

SE 0010 Paradigmatic Shifts in Twentieth Century Thomism. 8 ECTS

In this seminar we will examine the fundamental themes of dogmatic theology. Through a comparison of the approach taken to each topic, first in the neo-scholastic Thomism current before the Second Vatican Council, and then in the Transcendental Thomism so influential after the Council, light will be thrown on the essential issues in contemporary theology and perspectives given of possible synthesis. One oral report per semester and a weekly one page summary of each week’s prescribed reading will be required from each student.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: J. MARITAIN, *Existence and the Existent*, Garden City 1948; J. BRUNSMAN, *A Handbook of Fundamental Theology*, St. Louis 1932; J. POHLE – A. PREUSS, *Christology*, St. Louis 1930; G. VAN NOORT, *Christ’s Church*, Westminster 1961; B. LEEMING, *Principles of Sacramental Theology*, London 1960; H. DAVIS, *Moral Theology and Pastoral Theology*, London 1958; B. MILLER, *The Fall of Man*, London 1958; K. RAHNER, *Theological Investigations*, London 1961-92; *Foundations of Christian Faith*, London 1978; P. ROUSSELOT, *The Eyes of Faith*, New York 1990; O. SEMMELROTH, “The Integral Idea of the Church,” in *Theology Today*, Milwaukee 1965; L. JANSSENS, *Readings in Moral Theology*, New York 1979.

P.J. BURKE

Wed. 15.30-17.15

SE 0011 The Problem of Evil according to St Thomas Aquinas, and Contemporary Perspectives. 8 ECTS

The seminar aims at highlighting the manifold dimensions of evil in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas, its relationship with other main theological categories, and its theoretical contribution in meeting contemporary challenges.

M.M. & T. ROSSI

Wed. 15.30-17.15