

ST. PETER'S SEMINARY / KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
at Western University
Fall 2023

Systematic Theology 5513A
Theological Integration
Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30-12:45

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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exploration of the unity of Catholic theology and the interdependence of theological disciplines. The course will include an assignment designed to assist students in integrating what they have learned throughout the program. (3 hours; antirequisite: the former Systematic Theology 513A)

B. GOALS

This course will assist students to grow in the following knowledge, skills and attitudes:

Knowledge:

To gain a deeper sense of the unity and inter-relatedness of key theological themes studied in the program.

Skills:

To learn to recognize and explore the connections between theological themes as a means to deeper understanding and contemplation of Christian truth.

To learn to communicate theological themes effectively by applying the wisdom of the tradition and the fruits of one's own experience to pastoral and catechetical questions as they arise within contemporary culture.

Attitudes:

To gain an appreciation of the significance of theological reflection for personal growth and pastoral and catechetical work.

To grow in recognition of the benefit of shared dialogue and shared exploration of theological issues.

C. ASSESSMENT

Two reflection papers, 4-5 pages each; due **Oct. 12** and **Nov. 6** (20% each)

According to the policy adopted by the faculty of St. Peter's Seminary, all citations, references and bibliographies in written assignments are to follow the formatting prescribed in the Turabian Manual of Style. Footnotes are to be used, rather than author-date references in the body of the text. Please review and consult the summary provided by Kenrick-Glennon Seminary at <https://www.kenrick.edu/wp-content/uploads/Guide-to-Academic-Papers-and-Citations.pdf> for further information.

Seminar presentation (50%)

Class participation (10%)

D. READINGS OR TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Francis Schussler Fiorenza and John Galvin, eds. *Systematic Theology: Roman Catholic Perspectives*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011. You must get this edition. (Available Amazon or other online sellers; all readings are from this text unless otherwise indicated; other readings are on OWL).

E. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Part I: Theological Reflection, God, and Creation

Sept. 7

The Framework of Salvation History; Theological Reflection in a Pastoral Mode (Robert Barron, "Why Bernard Lonergan Matters for Pastoral People", *Exploring Catholic Theology*, (Grand Rapids, 2015), pp.175-84; on OWL)

Sept. 13

Culture Today (John Dool, "Authenticity and Ecclesiology: Charles Taylor and the Post-Conciliar Challenge", pp.1-16; Homily of Pope Francis, Thursday, July 28, Quebec City; on OWL)

Sept.14

Revelation and Faith (Avery Dulles, "Faith and Revelation")

Sept. 20

Knowing God (David Tracy, "Approaching the Christian Understanding of God")

Sept. 21

Exploring and Living the Mystery of the Triune God (Anthony Godzieba, "The Trinitarian Mystery of God: A 'Theological Theology'")

Sept. 27

Creation (Anne Clifford, "Creation")

Sept. 28

The Human Person (Colin Gunton, "Creation and New Creation: In the Image and Likeness of God", *The Triune Creator* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998, 193-211; on OWL)

Part II: Redemption

Oct. 4

Sin (Roger Haight, "Sin and Grace", pp.375-401)

Oct. 5

Grace (Roger Haight, "Sin and Grace", pp.402-430)

Oct. 11

Christology (John Galvin, "Jesus Christ", pp. 258- 314)

Oct. 12

The Nature of the Church (Michael Fahey, "Church", pp.315-46)

Oct. 18

The Mission of the Church (Michael Fahey, "Church", pp.347-74)

Oct. 19

Mary and the Communion of Saints (Elizabeth Johnson, "Communion of Saints and Mary")

Part III: Sanctification

Oct. 25

Sacraments (David Power, "Sacraments in General")

Oct. 26

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (David Power, "Baptism and Confirmation")

Reading Week

Nov. 8

Sacraments of Initiation (David Power, "Eucharist")

Nov. 9

Eschatology (Jeanine Hill Fletcher, "Eschatology")

Nov.15 – No class

Student Presentations Nov. 16 - Dec. 6