

ST. PETER'S SEMINARY / KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
at Western University
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Systematic Theology 5113A - Theological Anthropology
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30-12:45, Room 108

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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A biblical, historical, and systematic consideration of certain themes concerning the nature of humanity and its relationship to God: creation, original sin, justification, and the destiny of humanity (last things). (3hours; antirequisite: the former Dogmatic Theology 302B Origins, Grace, and Eschatology, and the former Systematic Theology 113A)

B. GOALS

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

Knowledge:

To gain a sound understanding of the Catholic vision of the human person as created, as graced, and as oriented toward communion with God.

To gain an appreciation for the biblical foundations, key historical developments, and contemporary questions and avenues of thought in regard to that vision of the human person.

Skills:

To learn to communicate theological themes effectively in pastoral contexts, especially those such as sin and our destiny after death that relate most closely to the concerns and issues of those to whom the students will minister or teach.

To learn to integrate philosophical categories and insights into a theological framework (such as the person as body/soul into the doctrine of resurrection or teleology into eschatology).

Attitudes:

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

To value their own unique manifestation of humanity in its openness to grace and that of others.

C. ASSESSMENT

Essay proposal and outline (2-3 pages) and annotated bibliography, due **Oct. 16** (10%)

A research paper, (10-12 pages, 12 pages **maximum**) on a topic of your selection; due **Nov. 20** (40%)

A final, written examination will be during the exam period (30%)
Participation in discussions (20%).

D. READINGS OR TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Coursepack; available at UWO bookstore; online documents as noted

Recommended:

Haight, Roger. *The Experience and Language of Grace*. New York: Paulist Press, 1979;
available at UWO bookstore

E. STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Section 1: Creation and Sin

Introduction (Sept. 6):

- Introduction; Background to Theology of Creation

Week 1 (Sept. 11/13):

- Creation in Scripture and Tradition (Genesis 1-3; Neil Ormerod, "The God of Creation", *Creation, Grace, and Redemption*, Orbis Books, 2007)
- The Human Creature as *Imago Dei* (International Theological Commission, *Communion and Stewardship: Human Persons Created in the Image of God*, sections 1-31; not in coursepack; available online at www.vatican.va)

Week 2 (Sept. 18/20):

- Created for Communion (*Communion and Stewardship*, sections 32-55)
- Stewards of Creation (*Communion and Stewardship*, sections 56-80)

Week 3 (Sept. 25/27):

- Sin: Original and Personal (Michael Schmaus, "Original Sin", *Dogma 2: God and Creation*, pp.172-203; Joseph Ratzinger, "Sin and Salvation", *In the Beginning*, pp.61-77)
- Social Sin (Michael Sievernich, "Social Sin and Its Acknowledgement", *Concilium: The Fate of Confession*, [Edinburgh, 1987], pp.53-63)

Section 2: Grace

Week 4 (Oct. 2/4):

- Introduction to Grace (Haight, ch. 1)
- The Pauline Vision (Romans 1-8; Philippians, 1-4; Ephesians 1-2; Elizabeth Dreyer, "New Creation in Christ: Paul of Tarsus", *Manifestations of Grace*, [Wilmington, Delaware, 1990], pp.54-64); Patristic Themes

Week 5 (Oct. 9/11):

- Augustine ("Dimensions of Grace", from *The Essential Augustine*, Vernon Bourke, ed., [Toronto, New American Library of Canada, 1964], pp.175-89; Haight, ch.2)
- Augustine (continued)

Week 6 (Oct. 16/18):

- From Augustine to Aquinas
- Thomas Aquinas (Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, [New York, Benziger Brothers, 1947], I-II, q.110, aa.1-4; q.111, aa.1-3; Haight, ch.3)

Week 7 (Oct. 23/25):

- From Aquinas to Luther
- Martin Luther (Luther, “A Commentary on St. Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians”, *Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings*, John Dillenberger, ed. [New York, Doubleday, 1961], pp.99-109; Haight, ch.4)

Week 8 (Oct. 30/Nov. 1):

- Trent (The Decree on Justification [available online]; Haight, ch. 5)
- The Issue of Grace Among Christians Today (*The Lutheran/Roman Catholic Joint Declaration on Justification*; not in coursepack; online at www.vatican.va)

Week 9 (Nov. 6/8):

- From Trent to Rahner
- Rahner (Rahner, “Relationship Between Nature and Grace: the Supernatural Existential” A *Rahner Reader*, Gerald McCool ed., [New York, Crossroad, 1981], pp.185-90; Haight, ch.6)

Section 3: Eschatology

Week 10 (Nov. 13/15):

- From Grace to Eschatology
- The Eschatological Virtue of Hope (Jurgen Moltmann, “Introduction: Meditation on Hope”, *A Theology of Hope*, [New York, 1967], pp.15-36)

Week 11 (Nov. 20/22):

- Death and Resurrection (Zachary Hayes, “Eschatology and Individual Destiny”, *Visions of a Future*, [Wilmington, Delaware, Michael Glazier, 1989], pp.96-111; Anthony Kelly, “Eternal Life: Love Consummated”, *God is Love*, [Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012], pp.95-109)
- The Parousia and the Final Fulfillment (Joseph Ratzinger, *Eschatology*, [Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 1988] pp.194-214)

Week 12 (Nov. 27/29):

- Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory (Ratzinger, pp. 215-238)
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Week 13 (Dec. 4):

- Review