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## DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

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(Chr) = counts for Christology elective

(LTG) = counts for Liturgical elective

**SY211****FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY**

The course examines the foundations of faith and theology. It considers the religious nature of humankind, theories of revelation and faith, the development of the Christian tradition and its role in Christian life, the inspiration of Scripture, and the relationship of Christianity to other religions.

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**SY213****CHRISTOLOGY**

This course will begin and end with considerations of method in Christology and evangelization. Course material will be considered in three units: the quest for the historical Jesus and New Testament Christologies and Soteriologies; the early Christological controversies and decisions of Church councils; and a consideration of special questions and a survey of contemporary developments in Christology and Soteriology.

Hebden W-S

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<b>SY214</b>	<p><b>DOCTRINE OF GOD</b></p> <p>The purpose of this course is to study the Christian understanding of God as it has been articulated by some of the great theological figures of our tradition. The first part of the course will be an examination of the Patristic debates concerning the nature of God and a careful reading of the classical Trinitarian theologies of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas. The second section of the course will be an analysis of classical teaching in response to contemporary concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Barron                      W</p>
<b>SY215</b>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY</b></p> <p>This class treats theological notions about the origin of the universe and of humanity. Encompassing the major themes of creation, grace, sin, and eschatology, this course will examine such topics as "imago dei," original sin and free will, divine grace, heaven, hell, purgatory, the end of the world, and the Second Coming of Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kunkel                      S</p>
<b>SY216</b>	<p><b>ECCLESIOLOGY</b></p> <p>As Christians we profess belief that the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. This course will examine the doctrine which has expounded that belief through history and which finds its most developed articulation in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. In particular, we will examine the various components of the doctrine of the Church, its structure, constitution, teaching authority, diversity and unity; by which it actualizes itself as the universal sacrament of salvation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Presta                      F</p>
<b>SY217</b>	<p><b>SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION</b></p> <p>The sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) initiate men and women into the Body of Christ. This course examines intensively the current rites of initiation in their historical, theological, canonical, and practical dimensions. Particular attention is given to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The course is introduced with a review of fundamental principles of sacramental theology.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Martis                      W</p>
<b>SY218</b>	<p><b>SACRAMENTS OF HEALING AND VOCATION</b></p> <p>This course treats the two sacraments of healing (Reconciliation and Anointing), and the two sacraments at service of communion (Marriage and Ordination). The revised rites of the Church provide the basis for study for the course. These are examined in their theological, historical, canonical, and practical dimensions. The course concludes with an examination of the Order of Christian Funerals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kunkel                      F</p>

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<b>SY219</b>	<b>INTEGRATING SEMINAR</b> This course is designed to help students understand the pastoral implications of theology and the theological implications of pastoral situations. Using concepts and practices developed in previous classes on theological reflection, the goal of this course is to help the seminarian integrate his theological and pastoral education by specifically learning how the pastor is the community's theologian. (4 <sup>th</sup> Year) (2 Credits)	McAtee	W
<b>SY220</b>	<b>INTEGRATING SEMINAR II</b>	Webb	W
<b>SY221</b>	<b>THEOLOGY OF HOLY ORDERS</b> In this seminar the students will read <i>Death Comes to the Archbishop</i> , <i>The Power and the Glory</i> , and <i>The Diary of a Country Priest</i> . We will be discussing how these works of literature portray the priesthood and reveal certain cultural, theological and spiritual understandings and how they illuminate the teachings of the Church, as especially seen in <i>Pastores Dabo Vobis</i> . Our goal is to understand the mission of the priest.	Fuller	F
<b>SY222</b>	<b>ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE (Pilgrimage)</b> One of the streams of thought at the Second Vatican Council was the engagements of the Catholic Church with those outside its boundaries. In the course of the general congregations, this stream of thought took shape as a decree and two declarations. More significantly, after the council each element was given a permanent structure in the Roman Curia to foster its implementation. This course will examine the principles which direct the Catholic Church's engagement with other Christians and other believers. (3rd Year Required)	Baima	W
<b>SY308</b>	<b>THEOLOGICAL ISSUES IN HISPANIC MINISTRY</b> This course will focus on the development of theological reflection flowing from engagement in the pastoral realities and problems of the Hispanic community in the United States. The work of Hispanic theologians will be explored. Topics which may be considered include faith and inculturation, popular religion as focus of theological reflection, the ecclesiology of base Christian communities, the charismatic renewal. (PL328)	Hebden	W
<b>SY309</b>	<b>SOTERIOLOGY (CHR)</b> This course considers the dynamics of salvation in the Roman Catholic tradition. It attempts to answer the questions: How does the death and resurrection of Christ initiate a dynamic of transformation and renewal in human history? How do Christians participate in and how does the mission of the Church cultivate and apply this dynamic of transformation? Emphasis will be placed on the contemporary appropriation of the classical tradition including theological, psychological and social dimensions. (Canonical)	Hebden	S

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<b>SY314</b>	<p><b>THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE</b></p> <p>The course will explore the interaction between contemporary systematic theology and the social justice teachings of the Church. Questions of theological method will be discussed along with the way that social justice concerns acts as a key influence in the development of particular Catholic theologians.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hebden                      S</p>
<b>SY320</b>	<p><b>CHRISTOLOGY AND LITURGY OF RATZINGER/BENEDICT XVI (CHR)</b></p> <p>In the person of Joseph Ratzinger a man has become Pope at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century who had already shaped the Catholic Church in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century more than any other single person, save John Paul II. As university professor he directed over fifty doctoral candidates, as scholar he authored over 250 titles, as peritus he contributed in central ways to the II. Vatican Council, as archbishop he pastored a major see, and as prefect of the CDF he gave Catholic faith in her dialogue with the world a distinctive theological profile. This course will examine the origins and the gravitational centers in Pope Benedict XVI Christology. It will explore his staurocentric view and its attendant ramifications on his understanding of the nature of the Church. (Canonical)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">de Gaál                      S</p>
<b>SY344</b>	<p><b>PNEUMATOLOGY</b></p> <p>A long neglected dogmatic discipline, it deals with the nature and works of the Holy Spirit as the Third Divine Person. Only via “a universal Pneumatology does one arrive at Christology” (Karl Rahner). Only “in the Spirit” is it possible to state “Jesus is the Lord” (1 Cor 12,3). This evidences Pneumatology as a key discipline granting access to the whole of theology. Mindful of Eastern Christian impulses in this critical area, this course is ecumenical in scope and intention.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">de Gaál                      W</p>
<b>SY346</b>	<p><b>MARIOLOGY: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES (CHR)</b></p> <p>Many fundamental theological questions meet in the study of Mariology: Christology, Christian Anthropology, the Church, the questions of the Reformation. This course will review the Church’s teachings regarding Mary and will investigate how they are received in ecumenical and feminist theology. (Canonical)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">de Gaál                      TBA</p>
<b>SY368</b>	<p><b>CONTEMPORARY THEMES IN TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY</b></p> <p>This course will review the teaching of the Scripture and the Magisterium but it will give special attention to the contemporary retrieval of St. Thomas Aquinas’s theology of the Trinity. In addition, students will explore several themes that occupy current theological reflection: the correlation of Trinitarian theology with Christology and Christian Anthropology; the Trinitarian names; the relation of “economic” to “immanent” Trinity; and the Trinity and the Church in ecumenical dialogue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Butler                      F</p>
<b>SY385</b>	<p><b>SELECTED QUESTIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOGMA</b></p> <p>This course will consider how the apostolic faith is transmitted from one generation to the next, with attention to the place of Sacred Scripture, Tradition, the <i>sensus fidelium</i>, theology, and the Magisterium. The class will investigate the principles involved by reading Cardinal Newman’s <i>Essay on the Development of Doctrine</i> and by observing how they function in relation to three case studies: the Immaculate Conception, papal primacy, and the reservation of priestly ordination to men.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Butler                      S</p>

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<b>SY408</b>	<p><b>EUCCHARISTIC CONTROVERSIES OF THE 16TH CENTURY: THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION AND THE COUNCIL OF TRENT</b></p> <p>This course will begin with a study of the teachings of the leaders of the Reformation on the Eucharist and its liturgical celebration. The writings of Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Bucer and Melancthon on the Lord's Supper will be carefully considered and evaluated. We will then proceed to consider the response of the Council of Trent and the Catholic reformation with regard to the sacrament of the Eucharist and the celebration of the Mass. The themes of Real Presence, Eucharistic sacrifice, priesthood and sacramental communion will be given particular attention. (Canonical)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kunkel                      S</p>
<b>SY412</b>	<p><b>TOPICS IN CHRISTOLOGY (CHR)</b></p> <p>This course will focus on four topics especially: the role of historical criticism of the New Testament for resolving the tension between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith; the legacy of the Council of Chalcedon for later Christology; the role of Christ's beatific vision in the Christology of St. Thomas Aquinas; and the debate over Christology and pluralism, that is, the relation of the founders of other world religions to Christ. Other topics, though, will be allowed as research topics for the students' final term paper, depending on their interest. (Canonical)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Oakes                      W</p>
<b>SY422</b>	<p><b>PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY: YESTERDAY AND TODAY</b></p> <p>This course will examine the following issues: the diocesan priesthood before the council of Trent; secular involvement; distinctive lifestyle; typical ministries; the priestly charism; institutionalization; theories of essential role; women as priests; role professional knowledge and apostolate, and the priest as mystagogue. (HI422)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meyer                      W</p>
<b>SY429</b>	<p><b>NCTI FALL SEMINAR: GLOBAL THEOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Globalization has produced an increased encounter between different cultures and religions. These encounters have brought new questions to theology which have never before been asked. The questions challenge Christian theologians to think anew about the basic doctrines of the Faith. The Fall NCTI seminar will explore some of the dimensions of theology that have been opened by globalization, such as "Christology: Christ as Healer and Ancestor in Africa," "Anthropology: Human Identity in Shame-Based Cultures of the Far East," and "Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Latin American Pentecostalism." Discussion of these topics will be led by the diverse faculty of NCTI and ACTS and will seek to include a variety of perspectives: Roman Catholic and Protestant, Ecumenical and Evangelical. Special attention will be paid to how these questions present challenges to evangelism, apologetics and ecumenism.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Baima &amp; NCTI Staff                      F</p>
<b>SY436</b>	<p><b>THE EXPERIENCE OF THE TRIUNE GOD: THE THEOLOGY OF FR. DUMITRU STĂNILOAE (CHR)</b></p> <p>This course surveys the theology and spirituality of Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae (1903-1993). Arguing against any reduction of the human spirit, such as Nationalism and Communism, and surviving Communist imprisonment, Stăniloae develops an original, systematic presentation of Orthodox dogmatics and integrates a rich spirituality into his vast œuvre: the God-man Jesus Christ enables our participation in triune life already in the here and now. Along with Karl Rahner and Karl Barth, this Romanian thinker is considered one of the towering figures of 20th century theology. This course may be found appealing by those interested in</p>

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	spirituality, patristics and Orthodox systematic theology and the integration and reciprocal interpenetration of the same. (Canonical, Christology, Spirituality)	de Gaál	F
<b>SY445</b>	<b>THE EUCHARIST AND THE CHURCH</b> This course will examine the important relationship between Eucharistic theology and ecclesiology, focusing on the notion of the Body of Christ. We will consider the Pauline teaching on the sacrament of Christ's Body and the Church as Christ's mystical body. The encyclical letters of Pope Pius XII, <i>Mystici Corporis</i> and <i>Mediator Dei</i> , will be carefully studied. The theological insights of Henri de Lubac, John Zizioulas, Paul McPartlan and Pope John Paul II with regard to this theme. (Canonical)	Kunkel	F
<b>SY448</b>	<b>THE EUCHARIST AS SACRAMENT AND SACRIFICE IN ROMAN CATHOLIC TRADITION</b> An investigation into Eucharist doctrine: in Scripture; the great controversies; real presence; transubstantiation; sacramental matter and form, minister, recipient and effects; the idea of sacrifice; the Eucharist and the Cross; the double consecration; epiclesis; the essence and effects of the sacrifice. (Canonical)	Meyer	F
<b>SY452</b>	<b>THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE DOCTRINE OF GOD</b> The idea of God entertained by many people to whom the priest must minister is one derived ultimately from the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. After reading sections for the <i>Prima Pars</i> of the <i>Summa</i> as well as other works of the Angelic Doctor, we will discuss his doctrine with a new view to acculturating it in the world in which we live. (Canonical)	Meyer	S
<b>SY471</b>	<b>MARTIN LUTHER, REFORMER</b> A study of the psychology, theology, and ministerial style of the great Reformer to seek what relevance it has for the Church today in both its attempts at reform and its ecumenical quest. (HI471)	Meyer	W
<b>SY472</b>	<b>GOD AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL</b> The greatest pastoral problem that the minister must deal with is the explanation of how a good and loving God can permit the horrors created by people, as well as by nature, which parishioners hear about and sometimes experience. Indeed, Christian theology as a whole integrates itself most fully as a way of coping with the problem of evil.	Meyer	S
<b>SY509</b>	<b>TEACHING ASSISTANCE</b> (Required 2nd Year STL)	Lodge	F-W-S
<b>SY510</b>	<b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT I</b> This course will examine Christology, Doctrine of God, and Theological Anthropology in the New Testament to see how these are in the earliest traditions of the Church. With that as a background, students will then examine the writings of the Apostolic Fathers and the Apologists to see how these developed in the second century of Christianity. (Required 1st Year STL)	Hennessey	F

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<b>SY511</b>	<p><b>CLASSICS OF 20TH CENTURY THEOLOGY</b></p> <p>This course will explore the works of five of the most important and influential Christian theologians of the twentieth century: Barth, Tillich, von Balthasar, Rahner, and Lonergan. We will read major texts of each of these figures, concentrating on questions of theological method, the relationship between religion and culture, the knowability of God, the rapport between philosophy and faith, theological anthropology and the centrality of Christ. (Required 1st Year STL)</p>	Oakes	F
<b>SY512</b>	<p><b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT II</b></p> <p>This course is a close examination of the development of the Catholic Tradition in both the East and West from 200 to 800 AD. Emphasis is placed on a critical reading of texts from significant authors that highlight the major themes of Christology, Trinitarian theology, and theological anthropology. The texts are set in context of the general history of the Christian Church during these centuries, including, Christianity's encounter with the rise of Islam. (6 hrs; Required 1st Year STL)</p>	Hennessey	W
<b>SY513A</b>	<p><b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT III - A</b></p> <p>During this quarter, we will examine the development of the Doctrine of God in the Catholic Tradition, primarily in the Latin West, from Boethius to St. Thomas Aquinas. From a vast literature, we will emphasize a critical reading of selected texts from Boethius, Dionysius, John Scotus Erigena, Anselm, Bernard of Clairvaux, Bonaventure, and Thomas Aquinas that highlight the major themes of Trinitarian Theology. The texts will be set in the context of the general history of philosophy and theology during these centuries.</p>	Hennessey	S
<b>SY514</b>	<p><b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT IV</b></p> <p>This course will examine questions in Christian Anthropology, Christology, and the Doctrine of God raised during the 16th and 17th centuries as they appear in the works of the Reformers (Luther and Calvin in particular), in the Catholic response at the Council of Trent, and in the confessional statements of the Reformation. It will also consider the post-Tridentine Catholic controversies regarding grace. (Required 2nd Year STL)</p>	Barron	F
<b>SY515</b>	<p><b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT V</b></p> <p>This course explores some of the major themes in the Christian theological thought of the 18th and 19th centuries. Our study begins with an analysis of the cultural/philosophical trends that emerged in the Enlightenment. Then we turn to a reading of selected works from Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Schleiermacher, Johann Adam Möhler, G.W.F. Hegel, Søren Kierkegaard, Antonio Rosmini and Matthias Scheeben. Some themes to be considered are the play between reason and revelation, experience as a starting point for theological reflection, the Protestant and Catholic responses to the Enlightenment, including Vatican I, and the rapport between religion and culture. (Required 2nd Year STL)</p>	de Gaál	W

<b>SY516</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT</b> This course will examine selected authors whose contributions exemplify leading currents and concerns in post-conciliar Catholicism: liberation theology and feminist theology, Trinitarian theology, and the Thomist revival. The concerns addressed by these authors will be placed in the larger context of the movements they represent and assessed with reference to the fundamental criteria for Catholic theological method. (Required 2nd Year STL).	Butler	W
<b>SY523</b>	<b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT III - B</b> This course will be an opportunity to explore themes in anthropology and Christology as developed by theologians of the medieval period. An appreciation for the integration of theology and spirituality during this period will be emphasized. Particular attention will be given to the development in understanding of the uniqueness of the human person and of the redemptive work of Christ (Soteriology). Both primary and secondary sources will be considered. (Required 1st Year STL)	Hebden	F
<b>SY535</b>	<b>SACRAMENTAL THOUGHT AND PRACTICE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY</b> A review of twentieth-century developments in sacramental theology and practice is given. The influences of <i>Mediator Dei</i> and <i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i> are examined. The liturgical theology of the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> is reviewed. Particular attention is given to the transition of the 1970 <i>Missale Romanum</i> , and issues regarding its subsequent revision and translation into the vernacular.	Martis	W
<b>SY539</b>	<b>THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE LITURGY</b> (see LI551 for course description)	Fuller	F
<b>SY300</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT STUDY</b> (300-level)		
<b>SY399</b>	<b>OUTSIDE COURSE</b> (300-level)		
<b>SY400</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT STUDY</b> (400-level)		
<b>SY499</b>	<b>OUTSIDE COURSE</b> (400-level)		
<b>SY-P3</b>	<b>WRITING OF PAPER</b> (2nd Year STL)	Lodge	F-W-S
<b>SY-P5</b>	<b>DEFENSE OF PAPER</b> (Required 2nd Year STL)	Lodge	F-W-S
<b>SY-P7</b>	<b>THESIS GUIDANCE</b> The students in the second year of the Licentiate Program meet weekly with the teaching staff to discuss the progress of their licentiate papers. 2 Credits (Required 2nd Year STL)	Lodge	F-W-S

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(Sp) = Spiritual Theology

(M-1) = Fundamental Principles

(M-2) = Sexuality

(M-3) = Marriage

(M-4) = Medical Ethics

(M-5) = Justice

**CL211****CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES**

This course is an introduction to Catholic Moral Theology. Scripture, Tradition (Magisterium of the Church), and natural reason studied in light of moral decision-making. Christ is the paradigm of human action. The believer is challenged to live the faith. Various methodologies are examined.

Boyle

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**CL212****SPECIAL MORAL I**

The purpose of this course is to deepen students' understanding of the foundations of Catholic moral theology and then engage some practical issues. Part one explores the biblical foundations of moral theology and virtue as a path to holiness. Part two discusses the dignity of the human person and its practical implications for human life in society. Topics to be discussed include: war and peace; poverty and wealth; private property and the free market; international development and the environment; ethical issues in farming and agriculture; and the life issues of abortion and capital punishment.

Barrett

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**CL213****CANON LAW I**

This first course in Canon Law treats briefly the history of Canon Law up to and including the Revised Code. The first three Books of the Code are discussed: General Norms, the People of God, the Teaching Office of the Church.

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