

Summer 2008 Courses in Theological Studies and Pastoral Ministry

RESEARCH METHODS AND FOUNDATIONS

- REL 500A.61 – (On-line) Research Methods in Religious Studies (1 cr) Taught by Dr. Sandra Yocum Mize** **May 12-June 20**
This course introduces students to the discipline of Religious Studies and will familiarize them with the sources available through the university and specific methods for writing effective research papers and book reviews.
- REL 500B.61– (On-line) Foundations of Biblical Studies (2 cr) Taught by Dr. Pamela Thimmes, OSC** **May 12-June 20**
This course introduces students to the academic study of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament providing a broad overview and understanding of the techniques and methodologies required for reading and interpreting ancient texts. Students will demonstrate their mastery of material in periodic quizzes and two exams.
- REL 500D.61– (On-line) Foundations of Systematic & Moral Theology (2 cr) Taught by Dr. Dennis Doyle** **May 12-June 20**
This course introduces students to the content and methods of systematic and moral theology to develop a sense of theology's disciplinary contours, including basic theological terms and concepts and the arguments that constitute the Catholic tradition. Sessions focus upon critical reading and discussion of representative texts. Reading questions are assigned for each block of reading. Grades are based on weekly essays as well as a cumulative final examination.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

- REL 519.81 – New Testament Theology (3 crs) Taught by Dr. Silviu Bunta** **July 14-July 25, 8:30 am-11:45 am**
This course focuses on issues of divine mediation in late Second Temple Judaism, particularly as reflected in the theology of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The epistle is approached within the context of contemporary Judaism, that is, from the perspective of other Jewish writings of the time, Christian and non-Christian, within and outside of the (much later) biblical canons. Special attention is given to the topics of divine uniqueness, the inclusion and exclusion of humans and angels in the godhead, and mystical/transformational traditions related to the humans' attainment of divinity. These theological concerns of late Second Temple Judaism surface in the development of the early conceptions of Jesus, including the Jesus-theology of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

- REL 528.81 – U.S. Catholicism (3 crs) Taught by Dr. Joseph Jacobs** **June 23-July 4, 11:30 am-2:50 pm**
This course will address the development of Roman Catholicism in the United States from the time of the Spanish to the present. The focus will be on the individuals who helped it grow, the internal and external factors, and the reasons that Catholicism in the U.S. went from a feared, hated minority to the single largest denomination in the country.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

- REL 546.81 – Liturgy (3 crs) Taught by Dr. William Johnston** **July 14-July 25, 12:15 pm-3:30 pm**
This course will explore basic principles and elements of Christian liturgy, focusing on Roman Catholic worship, enriched with awareness of the wider ecumenical experience. Our study will be historical, theological, and pastoral, and include special attention to understanding and fostering that active participation of the faithful which the Second Vatican Council considered the primary aim of liturgical renewal.
- REL 592.81 – A Catholic Theology of Interreligious Dialogue (3 crs) Taught by Dr. Dermot Lane, STD** **June 23-July 4, 8:00 am-11:20 am**
This course will examine the ambiguous rise of religion in the 21st century: 9/11, Migration, and Globalisation. It will review the teaching of the Catholic Church on other religions: Vatican II, John-Paul II, Dialogue and Proclamation (1991), Dominus Iesus (2000), and Benedict XVI. The distinctive contribution of Karl Rahner to an inclusive theology of Interreligious Dialogue will be explored. The need to relocate the Christ event within the horizons of other religions will be considered. The development of a new theology of the Spirit in the service of Interreligious Dialogue will be discussed. The course will conclude with a progress report on the Jewish-Catholic dialogue since Vatican II.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

- REL 562.81 – Contemporary Moral Problems (3 crs) Taught by Nikki Tousley, MA** **July 14-July 25, 3:45 pm-7:00 pm**
This course will focus on two moral problems that confront contemporary Christian churches: war and peace, and the influence of consumer culture on the church. Along with the relevant attendant issues, we will look at how these problems intersect with character formation. By way of these two moral problems and their intersection with character formation, the course will make the argument that Christian ethics is not distinct from Christian spirituality, but is an aspect of it.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

- REL 582.81 – Introduction to Spiritual Direction & Pastoral Care (3 crs) Taught by Dr. James Schimelpfening, SM, DMin** **June 23-July 4, 3:15 pm-6:35 pm**
This course provides a basic understanding of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction as it pertains to the pastoral minister. The course offers an overview of pastoral care with a particular focus on spiritual direction. It seeks to blend theory and pastoral practice, delving into psychology, scripture, and spirituality. The course examines the Code of Ethics for pastoral care and spiritual direction. The material will be processed through reading, discussion, presentation, papers, and student presentations that explore particular aspects of pastoral care and spiritual direction especially in relation to contemporary concerns and issues. There will also be opportunities, limited as they may be, to practice certain skills important to pastoral care and spiritual direction.
- REL 592.82 – Kingdom, Church and World (2 crs) Taught by Dr. Isabel Fernandez** **July 7-July 11, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**
This course will analyze the development of congregation-based community organizing in the U.S. as an example of how Catholics can negotiate and express their theology within the environment of religious pluralism and the separation of church and state.

To register for classes over the phone call the Department of Religious Studies at (937) 229-4321.

2008 Discounted Summer Tuition

\$319.00 per semester hour of credit

\$160.00 per semester hour for audit

University fee \$25.00 per semester

Housing (Garden Apartments, parking permit included)

1-800-259-8864, #2 or (937) 229-3317

	Per Day	Per Week	2-Week Session	3-Week Session	6-Week Session
Adult Student					
Shared Apartment (2 students)	\$55.00	\$190.00	\$360.00	\$510.00	\$850.00
Private Apartment		\$360.00			

All apartments: two bedrooms, one bathroom, family room, & kitchen (no utensils provided). Weekly linen service included (sheets, towels, & lightweight bedspread)

Food Service 1-800-259-8864, #3 or (937) 229-2441

Campus Parking for commuter students is by permit only or (937) 229-2128