

Graduate Course Descriptions

THEO 020 LAY FORMATION

Non-credit

A process of spiritual, human and pastoral formation for all lay students enrolled in the M.Div. program. This process facilitates growth in human maturity, spiritual development, health and wellness, personal integrity and professional development. It recognizes the interrelatedness in life of theological education, human maturing, and the universal call to holiness. It will draw from Scripture, the rich spiritual traditions of the Church and from the social sciences. Full-time, part-time and distance lay students in the B.Th. and M.Div. programs are required to participate in Lay Formation for six semesters. Lay students in the Dip.T.S. and M.T.S. are encouraged to participate in Lay Formation. THEO 020i Distance Lay Formation is available for online students living at a distance.

Foundational Theology

CORE COURSES

FTH 400 EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

3 Credits

The historical development of the Church from the second century to the rise of Islam. The relationship of Church and Empire, the beginnings of monasticism, the contributions of women, the development of institutions and doctrine, and the missionary activity of Christians beyond the Greco-Roman World.

FTH 402 CHRISTIANITY & WORLD RELIGIONS

3 Credits

Founders of religions and the meaning of religion. Christianity in relation to other religions. An introduction to Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese Religions, and Amerindian Religions. New religious movements. Interfaith dialogue, especially between Christians and Jews.

FTH 410 MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

3 Credits

The historical development of the Church in the Medieval Era from the beginning of the eighth century to 1500. Monasticism and religious orders, heretical movements and popular religion, intellectual development, Church and State relations.

FTH 411 MODERN CHURCH HISTORY

3 Credits

The church from the end of the fifteenth century until today. Calls for reform. Key reformers: Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Cramner. Catholic reforms and the Council of Trent. The Enlightenment and its aftermath: liberalism, anti-clericalism, ultramontanism and Vatican I. Byzantine churches. Missionary movements and North American Protestantism. The church as global: Latin America, Asia, Africa. Modernism, ecumenism, Vatican II and toward the 21st century.

ELECTIVE COURSES

FTH 500 PATRISTIC THEOLOGY

3 Credits

A historical and literary overview of Christian writers and theology from the first to the seventh century. Select fathers in the eastern and western Church, the development of Trinitarian and christological doctrine, and the emergent western theological tradition will be considered.

Prerequisites: FTH 400 and STD 450.

FTH 503 MEDIEVAL THEOLOGY**3 Credits**

The development of Christian doctrine and of the discipline of theology, as seen in the major themes and thinkers of the Christian middle ages, will be examined in lectures and through the reading of primary and secondary sources.

FTH 507 EASTERN CHRISTIANITY**3 Credits**

An introduction to the Eastern Christian Churches. Theological, historical and institutional developments. Major themes: the Divine darkness, the Trinitarian God, creation and cosmology, economy of salvation, image and likeness, the Taboric light, deification, spiritual and moral life, ecclesiology, sacramental practice, ecumenical mission. The dialogue among Eastern Catholics, Roman Catholics and the various jurisdictions of the Orthodox world.

FTH 508 ANGLICAN TRADITION**3 Credits**

Anglicanism from the 16th century to the present with a view to identifying theological direction and emphases which have been characteristic of this community. The role played by formularies, representative writers and liturgy in the formation of Anglican self-understanding will be examined. Anglicanism and the ecumenical movement.

FTH 513 PROTESTANT THEOLOGY**3 Credits**

The main theological currents arising in contemporary Protestantism. The distinctive features of Protestant theology in various countries. The thought of select Protestant theologians. Liberalism, Fundamentalism, Ecumenism, Feminist Theology, Liberation Theology.

FTH 514 THEOLOGY & CULTURE**3 Credits**

The role of theology in contemporary culture. Reflections on approaches and methodology. The contribution of the sciences, the social sciences, philosophy, the arts, and literature to the study of theology.

FTH 516 THE CHURCH IN CANADA**3 Credits**

The history of Christian presence in Canada from the beginnings in New France to the modern era, with a particular but not exclusive focus on the Roman Catholic experience. The foundations of the church in Canada, the church and indigenous peoples, the church in Western Canada, the formation of a Canadian theology. Students are urged to have some familiarity with Canadian history in preparation for this course.

FTH 605 ORIGEN, GREGORY OF NYSSA & AUGUSTINE**3 Credits**

A study of selected texts illustrating their theology and spirituality.

FTH 607 BONAVENTURE & THOMAS AQUINAS**3 Credits**

A study of selected texts illustrating their theology and spirituality.

FTH 800 SELECTED RESEARCH TOPICS IN FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGY 3 Credits

Study of a particular area in Foundational theology.

Sacred Scripture

CORE COURSES

BST 400 INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCRIPTURE**3 Credits**

Part 1: Formation and interpretation of Sacred Scripture (Old and New Testament): biblical inspiration, canonicity, textual criticism, hermeneutics, history, geography and archaeology.
Part 2: Understanding the Old Testament. Study of selected texts from the Pentateuch,

Historical Books, Wisdom Literature, Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament focusing on salvation history and covenant theology.

BST 421 MATTHEW AND MARK

3 Credits

Methods of interpretation. The synoptic problem. Structures of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. A comparative study of the message of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark emphasizing the tradition and redaction levels and introducing literary, structural and narrative approaches as well.

BST 422 LUKE-ACTS

3 Credits

A study of the text, biblical theology and introductory questions. Jesus the Saviour, the infancy narratives, parables and miracles, death and resurrection. The gift of the Spirit and the birth of the Church, mission and ministry, the role of women, the universality of salvation.

BST 423 PAULINE LITERATURE

3 Credits

Paul the Jew, the Apostle, the missionary, the writer and the saint. A study of Paul's letters, especially Corinthians, Philippians and Galatians/Romans. Central themes in Paul's thought: Christ the Lord, the Christian community, salvation and sin, the gifts of the Spirit. Contemporary research and various methods of interpretation.

BST 424 JOHANNINE LITERATURE

3 Credits

The meaning and message of the fourth gospel. The Johannine community, spirituality and indwelling, Jesus the Son of God and the Paraclete, eternal life and mission. The Epistles: an introduction. The Book of Revelation: historical context, its message and meaning for the Church today.

ELECTIVE COURSES

BST 420 INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

3 Credits

Formation and interpretation of the Old Testament: biblical inspiration, canonicity, textual criticism, hermeneutics, history, geography and archaeology. Understanding the Old Testament. Study of selected texts from the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Psalms, Wisdom, Prophets, and Deutero-Canonical books of the Old Testament focusing on salvation history and covenant theology.

For credit on the G.D.R.E. in Religious Education. Credit cannot be obtained for both BST 400 & BST 420.

BST 525 THE WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

3 Credits

History of the New Testament era. Context of Judaism, 63 BCE-66CE. Common Judaism: daily life and worship. Groups and parties. Zoroastrianism. Jewish and Hellenistic thought and literature: apocrypha, apocalyptic, testament, rabbinical literature. The Septuagint. Philo. Greco-Roman religions. Stoicism. Gnosticism.

BST 527 DEUTERO-PAULINE LITERATURE & OTHER NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

3 Credits

A study of epistolary literature of the New Testament: Ephesians, Colossians, Second Thessalonians, First and Second Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, James, First and Second Peter and Jude. Introduction to the critical issues. Particular focus on the theological themes of the epistles: christology, ecclesiology, ethics and eschatology.

BST 531 THE PROPHETS**3 Credits**

The origin and nature of prophecy in Israel. Analysis of classical eighth-century prophetic texts, i.e., Amos, Hosea, Micah and Proto-Isaiah and the later prophets, Deutero- and Trito-Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel focusing on the authors, history, redaction, literary genre, theology, themes and faith application. A representative sampling of exilic and post exilic texts will also be examined from the perspective of messianism and new covenant theology.

BST 532 PSALMS AND WISDOM LITERATURE**3 Credits**

Origin and nature of the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. An historical, literary, exegetical and theological introduction to selected texts from the Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom and Sirach with specific reference to the themes of faith, suffering and hope will be examined in selected texts of the Psalter and the Book of Ecclesiastes.

BST 533 THE PENTATEUCH**3 Credits**

Introduction to Pentateuch. An historical, literary, exegetical, and theological analysis of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy with particular emphasis on the formation of the people of God and its implications for salvation history.

BST 534 THE BIBLE AND WOMEN**3 Credits**

Study of the biblical texts which focus on women: the narratives about women's lives, the feminine metaphors for God and the people of God, and the ideals presented for women's lives. Introduction to feminist methods of biblical interpretation.

BST 635 RESEARCH & METHODOLOGY IN BIBLICAL STUDIES **3 Credits**

Introduction to hermeneutical questions and the Church documents on interpretation. The use and value of different hermeneutical methods: historical critical (text criticism, sources, form and redaction criticism), Literary (rhetoric, narratives, structuralism), canonical, social scientific (sociological, anthropological and psychological approaches), and contextual approaches (liberation and feminist). Formation of the New Testament canon, relationship of the Old and New Testaments, inspiration and authority. Appropriate tools for biblical research. Critical evaluation of the above. For M.Th. Students: identifying a unique theological question.

BST 626 SERMON ON THE MOUNT**3 Credits**

History of research. A structural, exegetical and theological study of the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew.

BST 800 SELECTED RESEARCH TOPICS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES **3 Credits**

Study of a particular area in Sacred Scripture.

Systematic Theology

CORE COURSES

STD 400 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY**3 credits**

The nature of theology. The relationship between theology and the following: revelation (Scripture and Tradition), spirituality and liturgy, philosophy and the human sciences. Faith and reason. The high points of theology throughout the history of the Church. The importance of theology for the Church. Theology and the teaching office of the Church. Theology and Church before and after Vatican II. Writing skills in theology.

STD 401 THE THEOLOGY OF REVELATION**3 Credits**

The modern problem of the compatibility between an authoritative divine revelation and human knowledge, freedom and experience. The development of a "theology of revelation" from Vatican I to Vatican II. Revelation and the Enlightenment. *Dei Verbum*. Jesus Christ as the revelation of God and humanity. Pluralism and the unicity and universality of the Christ event. The Church's teaching on revelation and faith. The Christian act of faith. The question of truth and of on-going revelation.

Prerequisite: STD 400 and STD 450.

STD 440 LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY **3 Credits**

Introduction to sacramental theology. Jesus the Primordial Sacrament. The Church as Basic Sacrament. The Holy Spirit in the liturgy. Liturgy as the action of God's people. Liturgical sources and historical development. The liturgy of the hours and the liturgical year. Cultural, pastoral and ecumenical considerations.

STD 442 BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST **3 Credits**

The sacraments of initiation. Their biblical roots and their historical and theological development in the Christian Church. Contemporary revisions, pastoral applications and ecumenical consideration.

Prerequisite: STD 440 or consent of the Dean.

STD 450 CHRISTOLOGY**3 Credits**

The contemporary problematic in christology. The claims and challenges posed by Jesus in his preaching and life. His rejection, death and resurrection. Jesus Christ as divine and human. Traditional and contemporary christologies.

STD 451 THEOLOGY OF GOD**3 Credits**

Aspects of the problem of God in the modern era. Preparations for belief in the Trinity in the history of Israel. The Christ event and the Trinity. The Trinity and the early Church Councils. "Explanations" of the Trinity old and new. Special questions regarding the Trinity (the Trinity and the immutability of God, creation, modern science, evil, gender, Christian worship and spirituality). Pneumatology.

STD 452 THEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**3 Credits**

The Christian understanding of evolution and of the human person. The origin, the structure and the condition of the person in the world; the relationship of the person to God, to others and to the environment. Sin and the origin of evil. The role of grace and love. Hope and the final end of the person.

STD 453 ECCLESIOLOGY**3 Credits**

The Church before and after Vatican II. The vision of the Church underlying the basic biblical images (People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit). The Church as constituted by the Word of God. The Church as constituted by the Word made flesh. The church and holiness (including Mariology). The Church as one and apostolic. The Church and the world.

ELECTIVE COURSES**STD 545 RECONCILIATION & THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & DYING****3 Credits**

Sin and conversion, sickness and healing in Scripture. The historical and doctrinal development of these sacraments within the Christian tradition. The liturgical celebration of these sacraments and the Order of Christian Funerals, together with pastoral and

ecumenical considerations.

STD 550 THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST 3 Credits

The background to the resurrection in the Hebrew Scriptures and Intertestamental literature. The preaching of the resurrection-exaltation in the New Testament. The tomb appearance narratives. The relationship between the cross-resurrection and Trinity, the Church and Mary. The credibility of the resurrection.

STD 555 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CHRISTOLOGY & IN THEOLOGY OF GOD 3 Credits

The christologies of some of the major theologians: Barth, Bultmann, Pannenberg, Moltmann, Schillebeeckx, liberation theologians, Rahner, von Balthasar. Specific issues in relation to God: atheism, secularization, gender in God, the suffering of God.

STD 557 ECUMENISM 3 Credits

History of the ecumenical movement. Ecumenical dialogue between the Roman Catholic and the Eastern, Anglican and Protestant Churches. Ecumenical activities and dialogues in Canada. Models of Christian unity. Liturgical convergence. Christian-Jewish relations.

STD 558 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS 3 Credits

STD 560 KEY THEOLOGIANS: HANS URS VON BALTHASAR 3 Credits

Central themes in his theology and spirituality. Influences on his thought.

STD 561 KEY THEOLOGIANS: KARL RAHNER 3 Credits

Central themes in his theology and spirituality. Influences on his thought.

STD 660 THE CHRISTOLOGY OF THE SAINTS 3 Credits

An in-depth study of the christology found in the writings of the following Western Saints: Irenaeus, Augustine, Anselm of Canterbury, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure, Ignatius of Loyola, and Therese of Lisieux.

STD 800 SELECTED RESEARCH TOPICS IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 3 Credits

Study of a particular area in Systematic Theology.