

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

FAITH, ETHICS AND JUSTICE (COMPLEMENTARY
MAJOR)

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General Information

A complementary major is taken in addition to a student's main program. There is no direct admission in a complementary program; the choice is made after admission and registration in a bachelor program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory Courses (18 units)

THO2189 Can We Talk About God?
THO2315 Being Human
THO3160 Introduction to the Old Testament
THO3161 Introduction to the New Testament
THO3166 The Good Life
THO3169 Liturgy and Experience

Optional Courses (24 units)

6 units must be at the 4000 level

12 units from (Faith, Scripture, and Society):

THO3123 Early Christianity
THO3162 Revelation and Christian Faith
THO3163 The Christian God
THO3164 Who is Jesus Christ?
THO3165 The Church and Salvation
THO4100 How to Search for Wisdom?
THO4101 How does God Respond to Injustice?
THO4102 Freedom, Law, and Justice: Perspectives from Paul's Writings
THO4103 What is Truth?

6 units from (Ethics, Spiritual Life, and Theological Thinking):

THO3168 Ways of Christian Life and Prayer
THO3318 Spiritual Life in the Eastern Churches
THO4104 Selfhood and Sexual Ethics
THO4108 Theological Thinking
THO4110 The Eucharist

6 units from (Faith in Action):

THO3177 Faith, Ethics, and the Anthropocene
THO4105 Spiritual Life and Social Justice
THO4106 The Ethics of Medicine, Sickness and Health
THO4131 Toward a Moral Economy
THO4132 The Church and Indigenous Peoples

COURSES

MIS 2108 - THEORY AND PRAXIS OF INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Dialogue as co-constitution of humans thanks to religious faith. Prerequisites and challenges involved in interreligious dialogue: in-depth dimension of faith; necessity of self-criticism; hermeneutic of religious convictions. Orthodoxy and orthopraxis. Harmony, conflict and end of religions.

THO 2189 - CAN WE TALK ABOUT GOD?

An exploration of the origins of Theology as a discipline, of significant moments in its historical development, of its presuppositions, methods, and the basic questions it seeks to answer.

THO 2315 - BEING HUMAN

What is ethics? Introduction to the key ethical ideas that shape our lives. Ethical riches of the Christian tradition to understand ourselves and our responsibilities to other persons.

THO 3123 - EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Survey of the historical evolution of Christianity from its beginnings to the end of the fifth century, with attention to early Christological debates. An examination of church history in the Middle Ages with attention to key figures, movements, and developments in church theology and practice.

THO 3124 - REFORMING THE CHURCH

A study of church history from 1400 to present, movements of Catholic and Protestant Reform, significant social and cultural developments and their influence on the evolution of theology and church structures.

THO 3125 - CONTEMPORARY CHURCH HISTORY

History of the Church from the 18th century to the present.

THO 3160 - INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

An introduction to the writings of the Old Testament through the study of the Pentateuch and Historical Books, with particular attention to their historical and cultural context, the role of the Yahwist, Elohist, Deuteronomist and Priestly traditions, and Deuteronomist History.

THO 3161 - INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

An introduction to the study of the New Testament through a critical study of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. Attention to the cultural and religious context of the New Testament and history of the formation of the Gospels; contemporary methods of biblical interpretation.

THO 3162 - REVELATION AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

A Christian theology of revelation: Creation as a locus for revelation; reflection on how God has spoken in the history of Israel; fulfillment of revelation in Jesus Christ; impact of divine self-disclosure in shaping early Christian communities; faith as a human response to divine self-disclosure; implications for understanding the inspiration of Sacred Scripture and the meaning of Tradition; Christian revelation and other world religions.

THO 3163 - THE CHRISTIAN GOD

The reception and expression of the mystery of God throughout history. Theological reflection on the mystery of God: the Trinity, the caring God. The question of the suffering God. The human experience of God. The question of God in today's world.

THO 3164 - WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Understanding Jesus of Nazareth, his message and works. Theological interpretations of his death, resurrection, exaltation, and the eschatological event of salvation. Jesus as Messiah and Saviour, son of Mary and Son of God.

THO 3166 - THE GOOD LIFE

An introduction to the field of ethics within theology. Historical development of ethical approaches within theology. Constitutive elements of moral existence. Moral existence and Christian faith.

THO 3167 - EARLY CHRISTIANITY: THE FIRST FIVE CENTURIES (0 - 600 CE)

Exploring the relationship between history and theology, methodologies of historical research. Survey of the historical evolution of Christianity from its beginnings to the end of the fifth century, with attention to early Christological debates.

THO 3168 - WAYS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PRAYER

Exploring the nature of Christian spirituality, its definition, foundation, diverse expressions; major periods and movements of Christian spirituality; the importance of spirituality for theological reflection and personal integration.

THO 3169 - LITURGY AND EXPERIENCE

Exploring the dimensions of human experience in terms of the common prayer of the Christian community through a consideration of sacred time, space, symbols, language and music; Jewish origins of Christian worship; the history of the Western liturgy. The structure and dynamics of the eucharistic liturgy, the liturgy of the hours, the liturgical year, and inculturation.

THO 4100 - HOW TO SEARCH FOR WISDOM?

Wisdom Texts and Intertestamental Literature.

THO 4101 - HOW DOES GOD RESPOND TO INJUSTICE?

General introduction to the prophets through a comparative study, with attention to their cultural, ethical and religious contexts. The evolution of prophetic literature towards an apocalyptic form and the meaning of apocalyptic literature.

THO 4102 - FREEDOM, LAW, AND JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES FROM PAUL'S WRITINGS

An overview of the life of Paul and his work. Exegesis of selected letters, with special attention to his understanding of law, justice, and freedom in Christ.

THO 4103 - WHAT IS TRUTH?

A study of Johannine writings, their structure, theology, and cultural setting. Exegesis of selected passages in the Gospel of John and Letters of John, and the Apocalypse. Special attention given to the meaning of "truth" and "life."

THO 4104 - SELFHOOD AND SEXUAL ETHICS

The meaning of human sexuality in social, psychological and Christian perspective. Sexuality and personal growth. Discernment of moral values in sexual behaviour.

Prerequisite: THO 3166.

THO 4105 - SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The principles of Catholic social teaching and their significance for life in contemporary society and culture. The human being as personal and social being; respect for human rights; freedom in the socio-political context; society as the milieu of personal growth.

THO 4106 - THE ETHICS OF MEDICINE, SICKNESS AND HEALTH

An exploration of contemporary ethical issues relating to health and the integrity of the human person: respect for human life; the right to physical integrity; genetics; abortion, euthanasia and the end of human life.

Prerequisite: THO 3166.

THO 4107 - CULTIVATING HUMANITY: CREATION, RATIONALITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY

Christian anthropology. Responsibility and freedom of the human person as co-creator. Sin and the problem of evil. Relationship between creation and redemption. Creation and a scientific world view. Ecology and theology.

THO 4108 - THEOLOGICAL THINKING

Divine grace and human freedom. Historical development of the theology of grace. Christian existence as faith, hope, and love. God's presence in the world and in the human person. Contemporary challenges.

THO 4109 - SIN AND THE QUESTION OF EVIL

Understanding the meaning of sin: personal, social, and original. Conversion, finitude, culpability. The anthropological and Christian significance of suffering, death, and evil.

Prerequisite: THO 3162.

THO 4110 - THE EUCHARIST

The origins of the eucharist and the meaning of a sacrament. History and theology of the eucharist from New Testament times through the Middle Ages to today. The eucharist as sacrifice and as memorial of the paschal mystery. Eucharist and experience of God.

Prerequisite: THO 3169.

THO 4111 - SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING, FUNERAL RITES

The (Roman Catholic) Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation/Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum. Funeral rites and pastoral concerns.

Prerequisite: THO 3169.