



# Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology



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Courses open to Master of Arts and  
Continuing Education Students

Saint Mary Seminary and  
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## SUMMER TERM 2017

### **SC 545 GOD, ONE AND THREE**

**2 credits**

**Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD**

**Mondays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 7:30p.m. May 22 through June 29**

This systematic study of the doctrine of the Trinity will explore the biblical, historical, and magisterial foundations of the nature of God as defined amid the early Christological controversies and councils. Current developments in Trinitarian theology will be handled in light of modern understandings of language, methodology, symbols and faith experience **\*Note: Master of Arts Core Courses are offered in rotation. MA degree students are encouraged to sign up for any MA core course when it is offered, if at all possible, since the course will not be scheduled again for at least two semesters.**

## FALL SEMESTER 2017



## BIBLICAL STUDIES

### **SC 510 BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS**

**2 credits**

**Rev. Mark Ott, STL**

**Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.**

This course introduces the history, methods, and philosophical groundings of scriptural interpretation. The course will attempt to make conscious and explicit a sampling of the available avenues of interpretation by which understanding a scriptural text is possible. Both historical and post-critical methodologies will be explored. A survey of the attempt to understand the historical Jesus will be included. (This course serves as a prerequisite for all biblical courses.)

### **SC 511 PENTATEUCH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS**

**3 credits**

**Rev. Lawrence Tosco, CSJ, S.S.D.**

**Thursday 8:40 – 11:30 a.m.**

The course introduces students to both the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and the two Old Testament "histories," the so-called Deuteronomistic History (Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, and 1-2 Kings), and Chronicler's History (1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah). These books will be treated with attention to their historical and cultural backgrounds as well as to their literary, theological, canonical, and contemporary dimensions. *(Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics;)*

### **SC 516 JOHANNINE LITERATURE**

**2 credits**

**Rev. George Smiga, STD**

**Monday, 1:30-3:20 p.m.**

The course offers an introduction to the letters of John and a discussion of their location within developing Johannine Christianity. Attention is given to the distinctiveness of Johannine Literature among the Gospels, to its literary and theological structure, and to selected texts. The course concludes with a study of the book of Revelation, especially its literary genre, its interpretation and enduring value, and a few chosen texts. *(Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics;)*

### **SC 513 PSALMS AND WISDOM**

**2 credits**

**Sister Maribeth Howell, O.P., Ph.D**

**Wednesday 9:40 - 11:30 a.m.**

This course will first examine the formation, use, and significance of the book of Psalms. A number of individual psalms will then be studied, with special attention not only to their literary genre but also to their poetic design, location within the Psalter, theological value, and reinterpretation in Israel and in the Christian Church. Attention

will next turn to the Wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, Qohelet, Sirach, Wisdom, and the Song of Songs) for a consideration of their origin, literary structure, and theological significance. *(Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics;)*

**SC 575 LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

**2 credits**

**Rev. Mark Ott, STL**

**Tuesday, 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.**

This letter is one of the most profound works of theological reflection in the New Testament, reflecting deeply on what it means to call Jesus Son of God and Eternal Messiah. It is also particularly influential in the development of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, establishing Jesus as the Eternal Priest and Sacrifice. This course will explore all of these rich theological and sacramental themes through selected exegesis and class discussion. *(Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics; Also preferred but not required: SC 515 Pauline Literature)*



## PASTORAL THEOLOGY

**PAS 552 PASTORAL COUNSELING**

**3 credits**

**Deacon William Elwood, M.A., L.P.C.C.-S, M.A.C.**

**Wednesday 6:45 p.m.-9:35 p.m.**

This course will employ presentations, discussions, case studies, and role playing to assist the students to integrate counseling theory and techniques. Topics of boundary issues, grief counseling, addiction, and family counseling will be considered. This agenda provides exposure to the various pastoral issues, allows for limited exploration of how to initially handle conversation, analyze the issue, and make a referral.

**PAS 560 CANON LAW I**

**3 credits**

**Rev. Gary D. Yanus, J.C.D.**

**Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.**

A general introduction to Church law, its relationship to theology, and its role in the Church is offered in this course, including principles of interpretation as well as basic canonical concepts of Book I. Topics from Book II include rights and responsibilities of laity, religious, and clergy; ecclesial structures of collegiality and shared responsibility at the parish, diocesan, supradiocesan, and universal levels, with special focus on the local Church. A brief introduction is given to the power of governance, the Church's teaching office, and the sacraments of initiation.



## LITURGICAL & SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

**LIT 583 MARRIAGE: LITURGY AND SACRAMENT**

**1 credit**

**Rev. Michael G. Woost, S.T.L.**

**Tuesday 8:40 – 11:30 a.m. August 29 – September 26**

This course defines the Sacrament of Marriage within the mission and ministries of Christ and His Church. The course considers the theology of this sacrament, its historical development and its liturgical celebration. It examines the vocation of marriage from the perspective of its mission and witness to the Christian community. The course explores some contemporary issues related to marriage in light of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

**LIT 588 BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION**

**2 credits**

**Rev. Michael G. Woost, S.T.L.**

**Monday 9:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

This course presents theological and pastoral consideration of the Roman Catholic Church's rituals of initiation, taking as its normative point of departure the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as the focus. Included will be

an examination of the sources and development of the Church's initiatory practice and discussion of pertinent contemporary pastoral issues.

**LIT 625 THE TRANSFIGURED BRAIN: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRAIN SCIENCE, RITUAL, AND MYSTICISM**

**3 credits**

**Rev. Michael G. Woost, S.T.L./Edward Kaczuk, Ph.D.**

**Thursday, 6:30 – 9:20 p.m.**

This course will explore the intersection of neurology, psychology, philosophy, ritual practice, and the spiritual-mystical life to frame a dialogue between the contemporary research of neuroscientists, psychologists, and theology. This dialogue creates a forum to mediate the significance and role of religion within a cultural matrix that is permeated by an empirical, scientific, and technological mindset. A portion of the course will be dedicated to participative ritual and prayer practices in which students will be guided through spiritual experiences intended to heighten the awareness of their transcendent potential.



## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**TH 533ma\* CHRISTOLOGY**

**3 credits**

**Rev. Gerald Bednar, PhD**

**Tuesday 6:45-9:35 p.m.**

The ongoing theological interpretation of Jesus the Christ will be studied especially as the Church has come to understand the profound interrelationship between the human and divine through the Scriptures, the texts of the great Christological Councils, and its ongoing life of faith. (Pre-requisite: TH 530 Fundamental Theology)

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**TH 550 MARY AND THE SAINTS**

**2 credits**

**Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD**

**Friday, 9:40 – 11:30 p.m.**

This course will explore Mary's role within the Church as first among the saints. It includes a brief review of the person of Mary and the saints throughout the history of this tradition. However, emphasis will be given to contemporary theological reflection on the place of Mary and the communion of saints within the Church's doctrine.



## HISTORICAL STUDIES

**HIS 322 CHURCH HISTORY I**

**3 credits**

**Rev. J. Patrick Manning, Ph.D.**

**Monday 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.**

This course surveys the Church's growth and development from subapostolic times to the year 1300 C.E. The course will examine the Patristic Age through readings from the Apostolic Fathers, the Apologists, and the theologians of the third and fourth centuries. Special focus will be given to the Golden Age of the Church Fathers and to the major councils of the Church in that period. Developments, trends, and events of medieval times will be discussed, including the papacy, monasticism, the formation of Europe, the Dark Ages, relationships between Eastern and Western expressions of Christianity, Islam, the Crusades, Cluniac Reforms, the Investiture Controversy, and the Inquisition.

**HIS 570 HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE**

**2 credits**

**Rev. John Manning, D.Min.**

**Tuesday, 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.**

This course surveys the history of the Diocese of Cleveland from the beginnings of Catholicism in Northern Ohio to the present day

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**FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 25, 2017**

**(Last day to register without incurring \$25 late fee: Friday, August 18, 2017)**

- Tuition: \$355.00 per semester credit hour
- A special tuition of \$265.00 per credit hour is granted to Roman Catholic clergy, religious and Certified Pastoral Ministers serving in the Diocese of Cleveland and those accepted into the Diaconate Formation Program or into the Pastoral Ministry Certification process of the Diocese of Cleveland.
- Auditors pay \$220.00 per course.

**Returning students may register for classes on-line at:**

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**(CLICK ON THE "STUDENTS" MENU FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND LINKS.**

**New students must meet with the academic dean or assistant academic dean  
to begin the registration process.**

**Contact:**

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