Fall Semester – 2020

MA (Theology) and Continuing Education Students

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Registration for Fall 2020 opens April 15th

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester! The pages that follow include the courses that are open to the Master of Arts (Theology) and Continuing Education students. Please note: There are a number of MA Core courses being offered both during the day and in the evening. Courses have been scheduled based on the availability of faculty and responses to the earlier surveys sent to current students. Please be strategic in your selection of courses, especially if you plan to graduate in 2021, and make every effort to further your degree requirements. Also, please pay attention to the pre-requisite courses and be sure you have these first. If you have any questions about your academic program, please contact Sister Brendon. Online registration for current students is available on the “Students” page on the seminary website: www.stmarysem.edu.

Further information regarding the Fall semester will be sent to students via you Populi student account throughout the summer.

Thank you.

Fall 2020 Calendar

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SC 505       BASICS OF BIBLICAL GREEK  
Rev. Mark Ott, S.S.L.                2 credits
Wednesday, 6:45-8:35 p.m.
This course will introduce the students to a few basics of Koine Greek grammar, with a special emphasis on vocabulary words that are important for theological studies. Although full reading proficiency is beyond the scope of this course, by the end of the semester the student will certainly be able to easily read and pronounce Greek words, look them up in a lexicon or theological dictionary, and understand their usage with the help of a computer bible study program. 2 Credits

SC 510       BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS  
Rev. Mark Ott, S.S.L.                2 credits
Wednesday, 9:40 – 11:30 a.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. (Note: This course serves as a prerequisite for all Scripture courses.)

SC 511       PENTATEUCH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS  
Sr, Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD.       3 credits
Section 1: Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.
OR Section 2: Monday, 6:45 – 9:35 p.m.
The course introduces students to both the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and the two Old Testament “histories,” the so-called Deuteronomic 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  
Rev. George Smiga, STD              2 credits
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  
Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU Ph.D    2 credits
Thursday 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;)
PASTORAL THEOLOGY

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, supra-diocesan, 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.

PAS 552 PASTORAL COUNSELING 3 credits
Luke Brown, LPC 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.

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.
September 1 – October 13
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. (Pre-requisite: LIT 560 Liturgical-Sacramental Theology)

LIT 588 BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION 2 credits
Rev. Michael G. Woost, S.T.L. Monday 1:30 -3:20 p.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. (Pre-requisite: LIT 560 Liturgical-Sacramental Theology)

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

TH 537ma ECCLESIOLOGY 2 credits
Rev. Scott Detisch, PhD Wednesday, 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.
The mission of the Church and the evolution of its structures will be examined especially in light of the teachings of Vatican II and subsequent developments. The course includes a study of the historical origins of the Church, models of the Church, laity, leadership, the common call to holiness, and ecumenism. (Pre-requisite: TH 530ma Fundamental Theology)
TH 538 BIOETHICS 2 credits
Rev. Joseph M. Koopman, STD Tuesday 9:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
This course investigates various issues in the field of biomedicine considered in light of present magisterial teaching, ethical principles and contemporary reflection. Fundamental principles of moral action are applied to some of the pressing contemporary issues concerning the beginning and ending of human life, such as “high tech” reproductive procedures, genetic engineering, withholding or withdrawing artificial life-support systems, artificial nutrition and hydration, euthanasia, and assisted-suicide.

TH (or HIS) 625 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND HISTORICAL THEOLOGY 2 Credits
Rev. Patrick Manning, PhD Wednesday 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.
Newman’s central conviction, the cause of his conversion, is that Roman Catholicism is rooted in Scripture (Theology) and Tradition (History). This course focuses on the person of Newman, the history of the Church of Rome in mid-Victorian England — addressing in particular the issues of the Development of Dogma, Conscience and the significance of the Laity in his ecclesiology. Specific emphasis will be placed on the time-honored Catholic conviction of the compatibility of faith and reason. (Also TH 925 Doctor of Ministry)

HISTORICAL STUDIES

HIS 522 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 sub-apostolic 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.

DEGREE COMPLETION

MA 700 THE MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY) CAPSTONE SYMPOSIUM 1 credit (no charge)
Faculty Advisor Arranged with Advisor
At the completion of all course work or in the final semester of their degree program, the student is required to select a theological topic and complete a symposium that demonstrates the integration, aptitude, and competence in the respective fields. The student chooses one of three formats for the written component of the symposium. The symposium consists of a 20-25 minute presentation by the student, followed by a discussion with the student’s committee. A pass/fail grade is assigned based on the student’s written and oral presentation. The grade and title of the project is recorded on the student’s transcript. Students expecting to graduate in May 2021 should register for the MA Capstone Symposium.
FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 28, 2020

(Last day to register without incurring $25 late fee: Monday, August 17, 2020)

- 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.
- A deposit of $100 per credit hour is requested at the time of registration.
- Auditors pay $220.00 per course.

Online registration begins on April 15, 2020.
Returning students can register for classes on-line at: www.stmarysem.edu
Click on the “Students” menu in the top navigation.
Fall 2020 Booklists will be posted on Populi around July 1st.

For general information regarding admission to the
Master of Arts program, or for application and registration assistance
contact:
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(440) 943-7667 e-mail: registrar@stmarysem.edu
Clergy Registration, Fall 2020

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip
Preferred phone:
e-mail:

Course selection:
Credit or Audit:

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