



Spring Semester – 2021

Academic Bulletin

**Courses open to MA (Theology)
and Continuing Education Students**



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Registration for Spring opens November 1st

Welcome to the Spring 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 several MA core courses being offered. Courses have been scheduled as far as possible based on the responses to the spring survey sent to current students. Please be strategic in your selection of courses and make every effort to further your degree requirements. Also, please pay attention to the prerequisite courses and be sure you have these first. Those who have not taken TH 532ma Fundamental Moral Theology or LIT 590 Eucharist, and who have the prerequisite courses are strongly encouraged to do so in the spring semester, especially if you intend to graduate in May 2022. These courses have been scheduled at a time most of those needing the course said they were available. 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

Summer 2021

A summer intensive course, *TH 545 God: One and Three* will be offered beginning in Mid-May through the end of June. A great way to pick up this important core systematic course.

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Spring 2021 Calendar

*Tentative. Subject to change.

January 8	Last Day to register without \$25 late fee.
January 18	MLK commemoration
January 19	Classes begin
February 3	DMin Project Forum
February 5	Institution to the Ministry of Acolyte
February 12	Winter Fest
February 13-14	Solemn Eucharistic Devotions
February 17	Ash Wednesday
March	NO SPRING BREAK
March 30	Easter Recess begins after last class.
April 4	EASTER SUNDAY
April 6	Classes resume
April 7	DMin Project Forum
April 17	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
April 28	DMin Project Forum
May 3	Last day of classes
May 4	Study Day
May 5-6	Exams
May 6	Commencement
May 14	Grades Due
May 15	Priesthood Ordination

Note: New location for classes: St. Anthony Center, east side of the campus.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

SC 512 **PROPHETIC LITERATURE** **2 credits**
Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD **Monday 9:40 – 11:30 a.m.**

This course studies the canonical prophetic literature (except Daniel) considered within two contexts: ancient Jewish socio-religious history and the later Jewish and Christian appropriation of the tradition. The course will consider the phenomenon of prophecy, its literary expression, and the editorial/canonical history of these prophetic books. The course will focus on the major and minor prophets. Attention will be given to the themes, emphases, and major texts of each book. (**Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics**)

SC 514 **SYNOPTIC GOSPELS AND ACTS (MA Core)** **3 credits**
Rev. George Smiga, STD **Monday, 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.**

This course serves as a special introduction to the Gospels of Mark, Luke, and Matthew. The course will explore the synoptic problem, redaction and form criticism, and the Gospels and history. The Apostolic Church and the Kerygma in the Acts of the Apostles will serve as a landscape for the course. Students will use selected passages of special doctrinal and liturgical import for exegesis. (**Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics**) **Note: SC 514 Synoptic Gospels and Acts is pre-requisite for TH 533 Christology. MA students who have not yet taken SC 514 are encouraged to do so, so that you are able to take TH 533 the next semester it is offered.**)

SC 515 **PAULINE LITERATURE AND CATHOLIC EPISTLES (MA Core)** **2 credits**
Rev. Mark Ott, SSL **Tuesday: 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.**

This course begins with an overview of Paul's background, encounter with Jesus, missionary activity, letter writing, and theological perspectives. The course continues with an in-depth examination of the undisputed letters of Paul with exegesis of select texts of doctrinal and liturgical import. This course includes an introduction and exegesis of selected passages of James, I and II Peter, Jude, and Hebrews (**Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics**)

SC 560 **THE PASSION NARRATIVES** **2 credits**
Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD **Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.**

The accounts of Jesus' passion demonstrate striking similarities and differences among the four gospels. It is from these accounts that we derive our clearest understanding of the circumstances and significance of Jesus' death. The course will examine the four passion accounts of the gospels by uncovering their historical roots and theological perspectives. Discussion among the students and their own personal research will strive to identify possible aspects of the passion story that would serve liturgical proclamation. (**Pre-requisite: SC 510 Biblical Hermeneutics**)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

PAS 561 **CANON LAW II** **3 credits**
Rev. Gary D. Yanus, J. C. D **Thursday, 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.**

Study of Book IV and the canons regarding penance and anointing, holy orders, and special emphasis on marriage are treated in this course. Pastoral care, preparation and celebration of marriage, plus canonical grounds for nullity and dissolution will be discussed. The student will be introduced to the practical handling of cases and procedures when dealing with the diocesan chancery or tribunal. The course will provide students with the necessary canonical knowledge regarding preparation and celebration of the sacraments and other acts of divine worship. (**Pre-requisite: PAS 360 Canon Law I**)

TH 550

MARY AND THE SAINTS

2 credits

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD

Friday, 9:40 – 11:30 a.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.

TH 580/980

GOD AND SUFFERING

2 credits

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD

Wednesday, 1:30 – 3:20 p.m.

Mary Pat Frey, DMin

This seminar explores how the issues of God and suffering are treated in Scripture, Tradition, and contemporary theology. Students will be challenged to struggle with the question: Does life have a fundamental meaning despite the sufferings and frustrations it brings?

HISTORICAL STUDIES

HIS 524

CHURCH HISTORY II (MA Core)

3 credits

Rev. John E. Manning, D.Min.

Wednesday 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.

This course surveys Church history from 1300 C.E. to the present time. Among topics treated in detail are: Avignon Papacy, the Western Schism, Conciliarism, the Protestant Reformation, the Catholic Reform, Jansenism, the Church and Liberalism, Vatican Council I, Modernism, and Vatican Council II. Particular emphasis will be placed on important trends and ideas underlining these events and movements.

HIS 543

COUNTER-REFORMATION AND CATHOLIC ENLIGHTENMENT

2 credits

Rev. J. Patrick Manning, PhD

Monday 6:45-8:35 p.m.

This course will examine the growth and transformation of the Church from the Council of Trent until the French Revolution. The course will include such themes as: the response of the Church to the challenge of Protestantism, the growth of Catholic religious orders, the missionary activity of the Church, Gallicanism and Jansenism in France and Italy, Febronianism and Josephinism in Germany and Austria, Penal Times in Britain, and the rise of Rationalism and Secularism. Students will be come to understand the challenges faced by the Church as she confronted early Modernity and how these influenced the development of the contemporary Church.

DEGREE COMPLETION

MA 700 The Master of Arts (Theology) Capstone Symposium

1 credit

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 15-25 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. All capstone symposia must be completed by April 24, 2020. Students expecting to graduate in May 2020 should register for the MA Capstone Symposium.

SUMMER 2021

TH 545 God: One and Three
Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD

2 credits

TBA May through June

This systematic study of the doctrine of the Trinity will explore the biblical, historical and magisterial foundations of the nature of God as it was 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.

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 19, 2021

(Last day to register without incurring \$25 late fee: Friday, January 8, 2021)

- 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 Lay Ecclesial 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 November 1, 2020.

Returning students can register for classes on-line at: www.stmarysem.edu

Click on the "Students" menu in the top navigation.

Spring 2021 Booklists will be posted on *Populi* around December 1st.

**For general information regarding admission to the
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