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Registration for Fall 2021 opens April 15th

Welcome to the Fall 2021 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 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 2022, 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 your Populi student account throughout the summer.

Regarding Summer 2021, there will be one MA core course taught as an intensive. See page 3 of this bulletin for details. Please register for this summer course on the Summer 2021 online registration link on the "Student" page of the Saint Mary Seminary website.

For questions or assistance regarding registration or the progress of your MA degree, please contact Sister Brendon.

Thank you.

****SUMMER SESSION AND FALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE ST. ANTHONY CENTER.****

If you are not taking classes in the Fall semester, please return the SAC fob to Sister Brendon to be refunded your security deposit. If you are taking classes in the Fall keep the fob and it will be reprogrammed.

Fall 2021 Calendar

(Dates are tentative and subject to change.)

- August 16 Last Day to register without \$25 late fee.
- August 27 Classes begin.
- September 6 Labor Day – NO CLASSES
- October 14 Mid-term break begins after last class (classes resume October 18)
- November 23 Thanksgiving recess begins after last class. (classes resume November 29)
- December 8 Patronal Feast – NO CLASSES
- December 13 Last day of classes
- December 14 Study Day
- December 15-16 Exams
- December 17 Christmas recess begins.
- December 27 Grades Due
- January 18 Spring 2022 semester begins.

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SUMMER, 2021

Please register for this summer course on the Summer 2021 online registration link on the “Student” page of the Saint Mary Seminary website

TH 545ma GOD: ONE AND THREE
Sister Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD

2 credits
Monday and Wednesday 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
May 17 through June 16

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.**

****Note: Dates and times may be adjusted in conversation between the class and the instructor.**

FALL, 2021

BIBLICAL STUDIES

SC 507 BASICS OF BIBLICAL HEBREW
Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD

2 credits
Monday, 6:45-8:35 p.m.

This course will introduce the students to a few basics of biblical Hebrew grammar, with a special emphasis on vocabulary words that are important for a deeper understanding of the biblical text. Although full reading proficiency is beyond the scope of this course, by the end of the semester the student will be able to read and pronounce Hebrew words with ease, look them up in a lexicon or theological dictionary, and understand their usage with the help of a computer Bible study program.

SC 510 BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS
Rev. George Smiga, STD

2 credits
Monday, 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
Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:20 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 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. Mark Ott, SSL****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 Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, Ph.D****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. Msgr. John Zuraw, JCL and Rev. John Keehner, JCL****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.

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 31 – October 12**

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.****Friday 8:40 – 10:30 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. **(Pre-requisite: LIT 560 Liturgical-Sacramental Theology)**

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

TH 533ma CHRISTOLOGY

Rev. Scott Detisch, PhD

3 credits

Wednesday, 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 538 BIOETHICS

Rev. Joseph M. Koopman, STD

2 credits

Tuesday 8:40 a.m. - 10:30 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. **(Pre-requisite: TH 532ma Fundamental Moral Theology)**

HISTORICAL STUDIES

HIS 522 CHURCH HISTORY I

Rev. J. Patrick Manning, Ph.D.

3 credits

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.

HIS 540 MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY

Rev. J. Patrick Manning, Ph.D.

2 credits

Thursday 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.

This course explores the variety and evolution of Christian beliefs and practices in the Latin Church from the fifth century (The emergence of distinctive Latin and Greek Christianities) through the early sixteenth century (The Reformation). Attention is given to such diverse topics as the conversion of Europe, the rise of monasticism, the Carolingian Renaissance, Christian kingship and the Investiture Controversy, the Gregorian Reform, the Crusades, dissent and institutional response, the relationship to those outside the faith, religious developments in the fifteenth century and Protestant and Catholic divergence.

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 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 2022 should register for the MA Capstone Symposium.

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

(Last day to register without incurring \$25 late fee: Monday, August 16, 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 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, 2021.

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

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

Fall 2021 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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