



Spring Semester – 2022

Academic Bulletin

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



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Registration for Spring opens October 25

Welcome to the Spring 2022 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 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 advance 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 beginning October 25, 2021 on the "Students" page on the seminary website: www.stmarysem.edu

Last Call for Candidates for Graduation 2022

If you have not yet applied for Graduation in May 2022, please contact Sister Brendon immediately. Final preparations are being made and capstone symposia are being scheduled. All required courses, electives, and the capstone must be completed before a student is approved for graduation.

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Spring 2022 Calendar

*Tentative. Subject to change.

January 7	Last Day to register without \$25 late fee.
January 17	MLK commemoration
January 18	Classes begin
February 2	DMin Project Forum
February 4	Institution to the Ministry of Acolyte
February 12-13	Solemn Eucharistic Devotions
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 4	SPRING BREAK after last class
March 14	Classes resume.
March 30	DMin Project Forum
April 2	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
April 12	Easter Recess begins after last class.
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY
April 19	Classes resume
April 20	DMin Project Forum
May 9	Last day of classes
May 10	Study Day
May 11-12	Exams
May 12	Commencement
May 21	Priesthood Ordination
May 24	Grades Due

BIBLICAL STUDIES

***Required MA core course** (All other courses are electives for MA Students.)

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

Wednesday, 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** **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 526 **THE PSALMS: ANCIENT POETRY AND PRAYER FOR TODAY** **2 credits**

Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD

Thursday, 6:45-8:35 p.m.

This course examines the Psalms in their historical context and in their continuing life within the community of faith. After introductory historical, literary, and canonical considerations, the course will concentrate on selected psalms, using the tools of historical, literary, and canonical criticism, with attention to their double reality of poetry and prayer. The goal of this study is to hear the "truth claims" of the Psalms, appreciate their enduring significance, discover their Christian meaning, and open them to contemporary retelling. (No pre-requisite)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

PAS 552 **PASTORAL COUNSELING** **3 credits**

Luke Brown, LPC

Wednesday, 6:45-8:35 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 referral. 3 Credits

PAS 561 **CANON LAW II** **3 credits**

Rev. Msgr. John Zuraw, J.C.L. / Rev. John Keehner, J.C.L.

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)**

LITURGICAL & SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

***Required MA core course**

***LIT 560** **LITURGICAL AND SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY (MA Core)** **3 credits**

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

Monday 8:40 – 11:30 a.m.

This course serves as a theological introduction to the liturgical and sacramental life of the Roman Catholic Church. The course will consider the symbolic nature of liturgy, the sacramental principle and its importance in the form of faith celebrations. Critical reflection on liturgical practices will be linked to the liturgical tradition and Christian spirituality. Underlying commonalities of the sacraments will be considered. **(Note: this class is the pre-requisite for all other LIT courses and is required for the MA degree program.)**

LIT 584 **LITURGY AND THE ART OF RITUAL** **2 credits**

Rev. Christopher Trenta, SLL / Professor Agnieszka Bieniek, MA

Friday 9:40 – 11:30 a.m.

This course offers a holistic approach to celebrating the Rites of the Catholic Church in a manner faithful to its Tradition and in service to the common spiritual good of its faith communities. Emphasis is given to preparing for parochial liturgies, the roles of parish liturgical music and art, liturgical ministries, liturgical law, and pastoral issues. **(Pre-requisite: LIT 560 Liturgical-Sacramental Theology)**

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

***Required MA core course**

***TH 530ma** **FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY**

3 credits

Andrew Staron, PhD

Monday, 6:45 – 9:35 p.m.

The concepts of revelation, faith, tradition, inspiration, canonicity, inerrancy, theology, and the meaning of dogma and its development are treated in relationship to the normative role of Scripture, tradition, and the magisterium. The *sensus fidelium*, pluralism, and theological hermeneutics will be considered.

TH 538ma **BIOETHICS** **3 credits**

Rev. Joseph Koopman, STD

Tuesday, 6:45 – 9:35 p.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 reproductive procedures, genetic engineering, withholding or withdrawing artificial life-support systems, artificial nutrition and hydration, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. 2 Credits **(Prerequisite preferred but not required: TH 530ma Fundamental Moral Theology)**

TH 541 **CATHOLICS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE MORAL LIFE** **3 credits**

Rev. Donald Dunson, PhD

Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:20 p.m.

This course is an examination of the evolution of Catholic social thought in the modern era. After a brief historical overview and a treatment of basic principles, the primary sources of Catholic social thought will be studied in detail. Discussion will focus chiefly on the significance of human dignity, the basis for a Catholic theory of human rights, political responsibility, capital punishment and the moral dimensions of the economy. **(Pre-requisite: TH 530ma Fundamental Theology)**

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 587 RIVAL WORLDVIEWS: MODERN INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENTS & CATHOLIC THOUGHT **2 credits**
Joel Johnson, PhD **Monday, 6:45 – 8:35 p.m.**
This course examines the intellectual movements that have most profoundly shaped contemporary American culture from the perspective of Catholic philosophy and theology. In the context of investigating these movements, it will consider how Catholic thought has engaged with contemporary notions such as relativism and subjectivism, individual autonomy and self-determination, progressive accounts of history, and reductionist accounts of the human person.

HISTORICAL STUDIES

***Required MA core course**

***HIS 524** **CHURCH HISTORY II** **3 credits**
Rev. J. Patrick Manning, PhD **Monday 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.

DEGREE COMPLETION – MASTER OF ARTS

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 22, 2022**. Students expecting to graduate in May 2022 should register for the MA Capstone Symposium.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY COMPLETION

PAS 968 **DMIN PROJECT FORUM III** **0 Credits**
Sr. Mary McCormick **Wednesdays Feb 2, Mar 30, Apr 20: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
This non-credit seminar assists candidates with the writing and implementation process of their project. Students and faculty mentors meet throughout the two semesters to monitor the writing process, assist with organization of materials, and discuss evaluative methodologies. One outcome for this forum is to prepare the candidate for the final DMin colloquium. (Pass/Fail Grade)

PAS 990/991/992
DMin Advisor

THE PASTORAL PROJECT

6 Credits

Arranged with Advisor

Students in the final phase of their Doctor of Ministry study are required to complete their pastoral project under the direction of a faculty mentor and two readers. Students receive up to three credit hours each semester while they are completing their project. Students may extend the pastoral project to a third semester for completion (PAS 992) without additional credits. 6 Credits (3 Credits Per Semester, Pass/Fail Grade)

SUMMER 2022

(tentative)

A summer intensive course, SC 511 Pentateuch and Historical Books is tentatively planned to begin late-May through the early July. This is a great way to pick up this important core systematic course. (If you are interested, please respond to the "Summer Inquiry" when you register for spring 2022.)

***SC 511**

PENTATEUCH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS

3 credits

Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, PhD

TBA May through July

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.

TH 7-721

Dr. Matthew Carey Jordan

2 Credits

June 6 – August 5

MYTH, TRUTH, AND THE MEANING OF LIFE:

The Philosophical Writings of C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and the Inklings

Diocesan priests, seminarians, other clergy and religious, and laypeople are invited to enroll in a Summer 2022 ongoing formation course at the Center for Pastoral Leadership. Taught by Dr. Matthew Carey Jordan, the course will focus on the philosophical and apologetic writings of "the Inklings," a group of writers and thinkers based in Oxford, England, in the mid-twentieth century. We will study straightforwardly philosophical and polemical works as well as novels and poetry, seeking to understand how the culture in which the Inklings found themselves was similar to our own, and to identify which of their methods and concerns can and should be adapted for the sake of the New Evangelization in our own time and place. Particular attention will be paid to the roles of story, myth, and imagination in evangelization, and connections between the Inklings' work and St. Pope John Paul II's theology of the body. The course will run from June 6 -- August 5. Specific meetings times and locations will be determined later, based primarily on participants' availability.

Embedded in the course will be a ten-day trip to Oxford (departing Tuesday, July 12, and returning Saturday, July 23), where we will immerse ourselves in the world that shaped the Inklings' imaginations, attend lectures by world-class Inklings scholars, and visit sites of personal, cultural, and academic interest.

Maximum Cost of the Trip = \$3250*

Additional Cost of two graduate credits (through Saint Mary Seminary): \$710 (Registration for credit will follow later.)

For more information on both the course and the trip, [watch this video. \(https://youtu.be/tud5TlwGGDA\)](https://youtu.be/tud5TlwGGDA) If you have any questions, or if you'd like to secure a place on the trip, email Dr. Jordan at SaintAnnesOTH@gmail.com.

*Includes transportation, lodging (two-occupant rooms with ensuite bathrooms), breakfast each day, admission fees, cultural activities, and lectures; participants will need a valid passport and will need to budget for lunches

and dinners. The price may be lowered depending upon actual expenses and other considerations.

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 18, 2022

(Last day to register without incurring \$25 late fee: Friday, January 7, 2022)

- Booklists will be posted on *Populi* around December 1, 2021.
- Tuition will be billed during the first week of classes. Invoices will be available through the "Financial" tab on *Populi*
- Tuition: \$355.00 per semester credit hour
- A special tuition of \$265.00 per credit hour is granted to Roman Catholic clergy, religious, 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, full-time teachers in Catholic Schools and parish ministry.
- Auditors pay \$220.00 per course.
- A minimum payment of \$100 per credit hour is requested when billed in January with all financial obligations complete before the end of the semester. Payment is accepted by check or credit card. Call Theresa Damel in the Finance Office, 440-943-7668 to pay by credit card.

Online registration begins on October 25, 2021.

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

Click on the "Students" menu in the top navigation and follow the directions.

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**For general information regarding admission to the
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