

## FALL 2009 COURSES

### Area A: Biblical Studies

#### **A305 Major Prophetic Writings** (Premnath)

An in-depth look at the prophetic writings of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel with a view to highlight insights of contemporary relevance. Particular attention to key passages, broader theological themes and ministry issues.

Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area B: Historical Studies

#### **B/C204 History of Christianity: Early Centuries** (Heyman)

An in-depth exploration into the socio-historical events that shaped early Christianity from the first through the fifth centuries. Utilizing primary resources (in translation) this course will chart the dynamic growth of the Christian movement from its Jewish origins within the Roman Empire to its dominance throughout the Mediterranean world. We will explore the Church's theological growth, the impact of the Second Sophistic and Neo-Platonism, the origins of desert monasticism, the Great Persecution, Constantinian toleration and early conciliar formulations.

Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area C: Theological Studies

#### **C226 Worship and Sacraments** (Stosur)

An historical, anthropological and theological investigation of Christian worship and sacrament with special attention to the Roman Catholic Sacraments of baptism and eucharist; historical overview of liturgical practices, texts, and theology from Jewish and scriptural origins to the 20th-century Vatican II reforms; basic principles of liturgical and sacramental theology; and groundwork for interpreting liturgical documents and ritual texts from pastoral practice, multi-/inter-cultural concerns, and ecumenical considerations.

Tuesday, 10/20; 10/27; 11/3; 11/10; 11/17; 11/24; 12/1; 12/8

6:00 – 10:00 pm

#### **C302 Theology of the Trinity** (Hawkins)

This course examines and explores the nature of the Christian God as unity and Trinity. It focuses on God's reality as creator, as redeemer in the person of Jesus who we proclaim the Christ, and as unifier and advocate in the person of the Spirit. Since the very nature of God implies "communion" the social implications of Trinity are a focal point for the course. Other contemporary questions pertaining to the historical Jesus, God-language, suffering, liberation, and cultural diversity are explored as well.

Tuesday, 8/25; 9/1; 9/8; 9/15; 9/22; 9/29; 10/6, 10/13

6:00 – 10:00 pm

#### **C357 Narrative Theologies** (Stosur)

The course will examine features of religious experience and tradition that emerge from and focus on the human capacity to hear and tell stories, which in turn recount and shape an individual's/community's history and self-understanding. Through use of literature, film, and selected theological and philosophical texts, the course will survey key narrative approaches. The pastoral implications of such approaches for catechesis, preaching, spiritual direction etc., will be explored.

Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area D: Pastoral Ministry Studies

#### **D214 Spiritual Formation** (Hawkins)

This course provides a broad introduction to the ways in which people appropriate the mystery of faith, the process entailed in that appropriation, and overview of the history of that process and the types of experience which have emerged in that history. The students can achieve reflective understanding of their own practice, develop it more consciously and be enabled to appreciate and assist others in this area of ministry.

Tuesday, 10/20; 10/27; 11/3; 11/10; 11/17; 11/24; 12/1; 12/8

6:00 – 10:00 pm

#### **D217 Pastoral Care I** (Karaban)

This course is designed as a beginning course in understanding the basic principles and methods of pastoral care. It will focus on a theoretical background and is complemented by actual, practical experiences in pastoral listening as part of dyads and working groups.

Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **D218 Pastoral Care II** (Karaban)

This course is a follow-up to Pastoral Care I and will focus on crisis intervention and ministering in loss, death and grief. It is assumed that students taking Pastoral Care II will have completed Pastoral Care I or its equivalent. Focus is on learning how to be better pastoral caregivers to those experiencing loss or in crisis. Format will be lecture, group work, practicums and case studies.

Thursday, 10/15: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

10/22; 10/29; 11/5; 11/12; 11/19; 12/3; 12/10: 6:00 – 10:00 pm

#### **D302 Pastoral Formation** (Karaban) *Year-long course*

This course is a two-semester, supervised field experience that introduces students to particular pastoral settings in order to provide them with an opportunity to critically reflect on the minister they are becoming. The experience consists of three components: participation in supervised ministry, theological reflection and evaluation.

Wednesday, 9/9; 10/14; 11/11; 12/9; 1/13; 2/10; 3/10; 4/14

6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **D379 Special Topics in Spirituality** (Curtin)

The course offers review of and critical reflection on participant's practice of the spiritual disciplines. Emphasis will be put on the disciplines of self-knowledge through various forms of self-inventory, personal and communal. Deepened appropriation of the historical tradition of spiritual experience will be developed through study of types of spirituality and two classics. The historical and cultural roots of some contemporary systems of practice will be demonstrated. Ecumenical and inter-religious awareness will be encouraged.

Thursday: 8/27; 9/3; 9/10; 9/17; 9/24; 10/1; 10/8: 6:00 – 10:00 pm

10/15: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

## SPRING 2010 COURSES

### Area A: Biblical Studies

#### **A310 New Testament Themes** (Heyman)

An exploration of Christian origins based on the sources, cultural-geographical developments, and central institutions, with special focus on the mission, messianic expectations, Passover, Pentecost, and covenant.

Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **A333 Themes in the Hebrew Bible** (Premnath)

Study of related issues, social matrix, and theological significance of some major themes in the Hebrew Bible: God, Community, Land, Creation and Redemption, Law and Covenant, Royal tradition and Prophetic dissent, Praise and Lament, Pluralism, Essence of Wisdom and Future.

Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area B: Historical Studies

#### **B/C350 History and Theology of the Eucharist** (Stosur)

A historical and theological examination of the eucharistic liturgy as the "source and summit" of Christian ecclesial identity and action. Topics will include the evolution of eucharistic ritual and theology in the east and west, the centrality of eucharist in relation to the other sacraments and rites of the church, developments in eucharistic practice and understanding leading up to and flowing from Vatican II and the role of eucharist in ecumenical, intercultural, and social justice considerations.

Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area C: Theological Studies

#### **C215 Orientation to Theological Studies** (Stosur)

This course orients students to the various aspects of theological studies and the way theology functions in a faith community. Key issues such as faith, revelation, scripture, tradition, human experience, and worship are explored with an eye to how they are integrated into the entire discipline of theology. The course aims at helping the student develop a framework in which to understand how one engages in critical theological reflection in light of human experience in general and pastoral/ministerial life in particular.

Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **C316 Problem of God** (Hawkins)

Development in the Christian doctrine of God occurring under the impact of contemporary experiences and questions. Some of the areas include modern atheism, the reality of suffering, the nature of God-language, feminist issues and Third World concerns. The course also explores the construction of a contemporary theology of the Triune God.

Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **C364 Women and Theology** (Hawkins)

This course introduces the student to the methods of feminist theology as they interpret religious symbols, doctrinal understandings, and ethical issues from a perspective committed to the full and equal human dignity of women. The variety of voices involved in this theological conversation will be explored and critically assessed.

Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

### Area D: Pastoral Ministry Studies

#### **D203 Liturgical Preaching** (Colacino)

Introduction to lectionary-based preaching in eucharistic and other liturgical settings, considering the tools and resources for homily preparation, the meaning of the liturgical calendar, and the nature of the Liturgy of the Word. A preaching practicum is included.

Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **D302 Pastoral Formation** (Karaban)

*Year-long course - Registration Closed*

Wednesday, 1/13; 2/10; 3/10; 4/14

6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **D308 Ministry in Complicated Loss, Difficult Deaths** (Karaban)

An advanced level counseling course addressing complicated loss issues such as: ambiguous, disenfranchised, sudden, lingering, traumatic, violent and untimely losses. Assumes basic understanding of the grieving process. Theological implications for the pastoral minister. Lecture, case studies and practicum.

Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **D383 Spirituality for Pastoral Ministry: Jungian Perspectives** (Schwab)

An exploration of some of the basic assumptions which underlie notions of ministry and a healthy ministerial identity from a Christian perspective in general and Roman Catholic, in particular. Drawing upon Jungian psychological perspectives, this course will focus on recognizing, nurturing; and maintaining health and spiritual maturity in self, peer group interactions and those to whom one ministers in a variety of contemporary faith community settings.

Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

#### **I400 Graduates' Colloquium**

A day of reflection, integration, and celebration required for all graduating MAPS and M.Div. students.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

10:00 am – 4:00 pm