

FAITH & REASON

Pontifical Beda College

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course will lead students through a reflection on the relationship between faith and reason. Students will come to understand:

- The meaning of faith in Christian perspective
- How faith relates to knowledge
- The limits of knowledge in regard to faith
- The proper domain of reason
- How reason is enhanced by faith
- The benefits of philosophy to the study of theology
- The benefits of theology to the pursuit of philosophy
- The need for reason in living the Christian life

TEXTS

- John Paul II, *Fides et Ratio*
- Vatican I, *Dei Filius*

CLASSES

1. Feb 19: The two domains of faith and reason in the tradition and in contemporary discussions
2. Feb 26: Faith and Revelation (FR Intro & FR 1)
3. March 5: Credo ut Intellegam (FR 2) and Intellego ut Credam (FR 3)
4. March 12: Philosophy and Faith (FR 4)
5. Friday, March 23 (10.50-12.25): The role of the Magisterium (FR 5)
6. March 26: Philosophy and Theology (FR 6)
7. April 9: Current Requirements and Tasks (FR 7 and FR Conclusion)

Friday, Apr 20 (10.50-12.25): Final exam