

Mondays, 10.50-12.25
Year 2 (First Semester 2017-18)
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The course examines the Roman Catholic understanding of the human person and its relationship to God. The major issues in God's interaction with humanity in grace will be considered. A historical approach will allow the various dimensions to emerge in their historical context and thus linked to other ages and to the questions of today. Each student is responsible for attending class, reading the assigned materials, and participating in the discussion. There will be an exam at the end of the course. Students are also encouraged to explore the issues of the course in supplementary reading.

9 OCTOBER

Introduction, basic terms

16 OCTOBER

Biblical background, humans and creation

23 OCTOBER

Sin and its effects

Accompanying reading:

Anselm, *Cur Deus Homo*, book 1, chapters 11-15, Thomas Aquinas, ST I q. 109

30 OCTOBER

Sin and its effects: Augustine and Pelagius

Accompanying reading: Augustine, *On Nature and Grace*

6 NOVEMBER

Sanctification: Growth in holiness (Patristic and Medieval Concerns)

Accompanying reading: Maximus the Confessor, *Centuries on Love*

20 NOVEMBER

Justification and Redemption: Thomas Aquinas

Accompanying reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, Part I, questions 110-114

27 NOVEMBER

Justification and Redemption: Protestant perspectives

Accompanying reading: Martin Luther, *The Freedom of the Christian*

4 DECEMBER

Sanctification: Predestination and free will (Modern Concerns)

Accompanying reading: Blaise Pascal, *Pensées*

11 DECEMBER

Grace and the person: 20th century perspectives

Accompanying reading: Karl Rahner, *Foundations of the Christian Faith*, chapter 4

8 JANUARY

Contemporary Issues: Protestant Perspectives

Accompanying reading: Reinhold Niebuhr, *The Nature and Destiny of Man*

15 JANUARY

Contemporary Issues: Orthodox and Roman Catholic Perspectives

Accompanying reading: Vladimir Theology, *The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church*, esp. chapters 1-6

22 JANUARY

Wrap up

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