

topics in Hispanic history and culture: the Indian's identity and discourse, theology of liberation, women's issues and testimonial writing, politics (violence and dictatorships), Hispanics in the U.S., the Hispanic stereotype and bilingual education, among others. Students will choose additional topics according to their general interests in Hispanic culture and issues. In order to make their selections, students will have access to LANIC (University of Texas Web Site on Latin America), OLE (Web Site on Spain), and major online newspapers from Hispanic countries. *Next offered TBA; additionally according to majors' minors' needs.*

SPAN 491 Studies in Spanish 3 sem. hrs.
Directed readings and discussion on literacy, linguistic, historical or cultural topics. *Offered every semester.*

THEOLOGY (THEO)

THEO 100 The Catholic Imagination and the Human Quest 3 sem. hrs.

This course examines the human quest for meaning through the study of Tolkien's fantasy epic, *The Lord of the Rings* and the Bible. It explores key concerns of human living such as creation, redemption, death, evil, suffering, morality, etc., as reflected in both the Bible and used in Tolkien's key work. Students will learn how *The Lord of the Rings*, while fiction, is fraught with a Christian, even specifically Catholic, worldview, as Tolkien himself intended, when he said of his trilogy, that it is a "fundamentally religious and Catholic work." The purpose of the course is to introduce students to: what makes *The Lord of the Rings* a classic; the idea of theology as an enterprise in meaning; foundational theological categories; the major ideas of both the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the New Testament, and their influence in the Western Christian tradition. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 101 Hebrew Biblical Heritage 3 sem. hrs.
For those acquainted with the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), this course engages students in a process of integration in understanding the Hebrew Bible. Students will examine the modern critical methodology in order to understand the literary, social, historical, cultural, and religious contexts of the Hebrew Scriptures. Students will also understand the relationship of the literary forms and interpretation of the Pentateuch, Historical and Prophetic books, as well as the Wisdom literature that comprise the Hebrew Scriptures. *Offered every fall semester. Students must have Scriptural background in both the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the New Testament to take this course. A grade of B in high school scripture is recommended for students taking this as their Tier I theology course.*

THEO 102 Christian Biblical Heritage 3 sem. hrs.
For those acquainted with the New Testament, this course will enable students to understand its formation and interpret the variety of literature by studying selected texts. *Students will focus on the forms of analysis, interpretation, the author's intent, and the cultural, political, and historical contexts that resulted in the documents that comprise the books of the New Testament. Offered every spring semester.*

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THEO 103 Judeo-Christian Scriptures 3 sem. hrs.
Introductory course in Theology; aims to provide an understanding of the Scriptures. Selected readings from the Scriptures are interpreted according to the historical-critical method in order to recapture their original intent. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 104 The Gospel of Matthew 3 sem. hrs.
This course offers an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew, as the means to understand who Jesus is, and the biblical canon as a whole. Matthew's extensive use of materials from the Prophets and the Torah (the Hebrew Bible) makes his Gospel a uniquely rich avenue for comprehending biblical literature as a whole. Comparison with the other Gospels and with extra-biblical gospels will further the sense of Matthew's complex theological vision. The course will practice close reading of this primary text and draw connections with what occurred earlier in Salvation History and subsequently in the history of the Church's interpretation. The study of relevant writings from the Church Fathers, theologians, as well as artistic depictions of Gospel scenes will demonstrate the impact Matthew's Gospel has had on Western culture in general. *Offered every semester. Students must have Scriptural background in both the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the New Testament to take this course. A grade of B in high school scripture is recommended for students taking this as their Tier I theology course.*

THEO 105 Religions of the East 3 sem. hrs.
Study of the history, practices, and teachings of one or more Eastern religions (e.g., Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shintoism). *Next offered F-08, F-10.*

THEO 200 Christian Theology to 1500 3 sem hrs.
This course examines the development of Christian thought from the time of the New Testament to the Reformation. *Next offered: TBA.*

THEO 201 Christian Theology: 1500 to the present 3 sem. hrs.
This course examines the development of Christian thought from the time of the Reformation to the present-day. *Next offered: TBA.*

THEO 202 Jesus: Source of Meaning 3 sem. hrs.
Beginning with an examination of the historical Jesus and the response of others to Him, this course studies the meaning of Jesus for today. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 203 Christian Moral Life 3 sem. hrs.
Consideration of moral issues in light of the Gospel. Traditional notions of conscience, responsibility, authority, law and value are elucidated through study and discussion of contemporary moral issues. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 205 The Church in the Modern World 3 sem. hrs.

Nature and structure of the Church are studied with special emphasis on the Church's mission in the modern world. Specific examples of the Church's efforts to liberate and humanize. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 206 Christian Lifestyle and Spirituality 3 sem. hrs.

Study of the options for Christian vocation and the lifestyles and spiritualities appropriate to them. Special attention to Christian marriage. *Next offered SP-07, SP-08.*

THEO 207 African-American Religion 3 sem. hrs.

The tradition of African thought is at least as old as Plato (spent 13 years in Egypt) and Augustine of Libya. The course will consider this tradition up to and including African-American thought: Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Angela Davis, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, M.L. King, Jr. and others. *Next offered SP-07.*

THEO 211 Judaism: From Abraham to Maimonides. 3 sem. hrs.

(See Jewish Studies 211) An understanding of the trends in Jewish life with emphasis on beliefs, observances, practices, rituals, and texts. Course points out Jewish roots of Christianity and includes descriptive visit to a synagogue. *Next offered SP-08.*

THEO 271 Catholic Belief and Practice 3 sem. hrs.

This survey of theology will enable students to appreciate the unique Catholic identity of Christian faith. Its purpose is to introduce students to the field of theology as a critical reflection on the religious dimensions of human experience providing the student with the ability to distinguish those principles and characteristics that form the distinctive traditions of the Church. The course will look at the object of the study, God, in light of both the historical tradition through which God is celebrated and remembered, and the experiential component that undergirds theology and links revelation with the community's attempt to speak critically. As such, we will explore the nature of religion, theology and faith and their relationship to human experience and how Catholicism has responded in its understanding and practice about that revelation. *There is no prerequisite. Next offered TBA.*

THEO 274 Sacraments 3 sem. hrs.

This course examines sacraments within the context of the Sacramental/Incarnational view of the relationship between humanity and God that is characteristic of the Catholic vision. The theological, historical, and pastoral dimensions of sacraments will be included to conceptualize contemporary issues in sacramental practices.

THEO 301 Holocaust Studies 3 sem. hrs.

An interdisciplinary investigation of the Holocaust. Selected topics include, but are not limited to, sociocultural, technological, psychological, philosophical and theological issues. Students will also study the Holocaust's consequences and humanitarian efforts to seek justice.

THEO 302 Liturgy and Sacraments 3 sem. hrs.

Study of the human's relationship to God through public symbols. Christian liturgy and sacraments are studied as actions of the Church. *Offered every semester.*

THEO 308 Development of Christian Thought 3 sem. hrs.

The historical nature and development of Christian theology in the post-New Testament period. Representative issues and theologians are studied in order to understand and appreciate the gradual, complex, and rich unfolding of the Christian heritage. *Next offered TBA.*

THEO 309 Principles of Justice and Peace 3 sem. hrs.

Consideration of justice and peace as principles of the Gospel, reflected in the tradition of Catholic social teaching and applied to the contemporary world. *Next offered F-07.*

THEO 408 Seminar: Selected Topics in Theology 3 sem. hrs.

Intensive examination of a selected topic (to be announced prior to registration) in theology such as an issue in liberation or feminist theology. Emphasis on individual investigation and discussion of the results of that research. Course may be taken more than once if the topic is different. *Next offered SP-07.*

THEO 409 Seminar: Selected Theologians 3 sem. hrs.

In-depth study of a particular theologian (to be announced prior to registration) with emphasis on individual investigation and discussion of the results of that research. *Course may be taken more than once if the person studied is different.*

THEO 490 Readings and Research in Theology 3 sem. hrs.

Directed readings and discussions of specific theological texts or topics. *Permission of the Division Chair and the Vice President for Academic Affairs is required.*