

**SC 211 PROPHETS**  
Sr. Helen Graham, MM  
Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course provides an introductory survey of the historical and socio-literary setting of the prophetic literature of ancient Israel from the schism to the period of dispersion and restoration. Particular emphasis will be given to the 8th century prophets Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah; the 7th century prophet Jeremiah and the exilic prophets Ezekiel and Deuero-Isaiah.

**TH 238 PASTORAL APPROACHES TO MINISTRY**  
Fr. Enrico Martin Adoviso  
Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course offers theological and socio-pastoral framework for understanding faith communities, context, strategy for pastoral ministry. Opportunities are provided for reflection and sharing, integration and deepening of experiences in fostering grassroots communities to transform society. Of special concern is the role and praxis of pastoral animators.

**TH 299A THESIS WRITING A**  
Dr. Marina Altarejos  
Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Provides direction in preparing the thesis proposal.

**TH 229B THESIS WRITING B**

Provides direction in completing the thesis and prepares student for the thesis defense

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

After the student has finished all the required courses, a comprehensive examination is given, which includes the foundational courses in the M.A. Program of the three fields of specialization that the Institute provides.

**TH 218 MARIAN THEOLOGY**

Dr. Miguel Lambino  
Friday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course offers a new interpretation of the figure of Mary, one that will free her from past images. In the light of contemporary Scripture scholarship and new theological insights, it reflects on Mary as a woman of faith, a disciple and a female symbol of authentic religious power. Pre-requisite: SC 102

**TH 239 FEMINIST THEOLOGIES**

Dr. Carmelita Usog  
Saturday 9:00 to 12:00 NN

The course enables students to reflect critically on theology from feminist perspectives. It discusses the different forms of feminist theologies and their implications for the renewal of the Church and society.

**TH 229 WOMEN IN MAJOR RELIGIONS**

Dr. Carmelita Usog  
Saturday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course explores women's realities in the context of the major religions. It introduces students to the different faces of feminism in the major religions and their development in the field of ethics, theology and spirituality.

**IMPORTANT DATES  
ENROLLMENT**

Old Students: September 28 to October 3

New Students: October 12 to 24

English Placement Test: October 1 to 10

**GRADUATE ORIENTATION:** October 29

**START OF CLASSES:** November 2

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY:** November 18

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## Master of Arts in Religious Studies

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**TH 212 TRINITY**

Fr. Brendan Lovett, MSSC

Monday and Thursday 8:00-9:30 AM

Christian faith in the divinity of Jesus Christ and Christian experience of the Spirit together make for the uniqueness of the specifically Christian way of understanding and relating to the mystery of God. The course concentrates on explicating the unity and integrity of Christian tradition as Trinitarian, while showing the personally and socially transformative dimensions of such belief. Pre-requisite: PH 201

**TH 224 ISSUES IN THE ORIENTATION AND HANDLING OF ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Monday 8:30 to 11:30 AM

This training will enable participants to extend help towards women and children subjected to violence, specifically abuse of women in intimate relationships, sexual assault, such as rape and incest, and child abuse. Focusing on the dynamics of violence and their effects will help participants understand what is required of them in journeying with victims. The second part of the training will concentrate on healing.

**TH 204 METHODS OF FEMINIST RESEARCH**

Ms. Arche Ligo

Monday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course helps students to gain proficiency in methods of theological research by focusing on inclusive approaches of theologizing through analysis of feminist theology and other related contemporary literatures.

**TH 235 THEOLOGY OF MISSION**

Fr. Edward Luc Mees, MDJ

Tuesday 9:00 to 12:00 NN

This course discusses the main themes of contemporary theology of mission. It offers a theological understanding on the nature of mission and on the tasks of mission today. The first part offers an overview of the main questions in missiology today. The second part presents some important biblical foundations for mission, followed by an historical overview of the ways in which the Church has understood Christ's missionary mandate. The last part deals with significant trends and themes in the emerging ecumenical missionary paradigm and explores new ways of doing mission in Christ's way.

**SP 236 FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY**

Dr. Patricia McAuliffe

Tuesday 9:00 to 12:00 NN

The course discusses the different faces of women's spirituality and their implications for the renewal of the Church and society.

**SC 221 SYNOPTICS AND ACTS**

Sr. Ma. Anicia Co, RVM

Tuesday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This course studies the historical setting, literary relationships, content, and interpretation of the Synoptic gospels and acts, with reference to the theologies of Mark, Matthew and Luke.

**PC 201 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Schedule arranged with Community Involvement and Student Affairs Office

This practicum aims to provide a concrete context to the application of student's learning. Activities vary depending on the needs of the community.

**TH 213 NEW SYSTEMATICS**

Fr. Brendan Lovett, MSSC

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 to 9:30 AM

Recent decades have seen the rise of a plethora of theologies, from the complex range of feminist theologies to the variety of liberation theologies, political theologies, ecological-inspired theologies. In the face of this pluralism, the present course strives to reveal an underlying coherence in all such attempts. It raises and creatively discusses the following questions: To what extent do various current theologies meet the exigence of an adequate contemporary systematics? Can the possibility of and necessity for such systematics be critically established? What is the form of such a project? Pre-requisite: PH 201

**SC 212 PSALMS WITH WISDOM****LITERATURE**

Sr. Helen Graham, MM

Wednesday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

The course provides a systematic study of Wisdom Literature and Deutero-canonical/Apocryphal Literature. It delves into the meaning and value of wisdom in Israelite tradition, the setting of Israel's wisdom movement in the ancient Near Eastern world, and its development.

**TH 201 METHODS OF THEOLOGICAL****RESEARCH**

Dr. Marina Altarejos

Wednesday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Contemporary doing of theology is faced with three irreversible differentiations of consciousness peculiar to the modern period. Doing theology at the level of the times calls for appropriation of all three developments and this is facilitated by the course.