

SP 236 FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY

Sr. Christine Burke, IBVM
Friday 8:30—11:30 AM

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

TH 222 CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES

Fr. Carlos Ronquillo, CSsR
Friday 1:30—4:30 PM

Clarifies paths to the moral resolution of the problems met in trying to live out the demands of faith, hope, and love in contemporary local and global situations. Pre-requisite: TH 120

TH 218 MARIAN THEOLOGY

Prof. Miguel Lambino
Friday 1:30-4:30 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.

TH 239 FEMINIST THEOLOGIES

Prof Carmelita Usog, D.Min.
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 299B THESIS WRITING B

Provides direction in completing the thesis and prepares student for the thesis defense. For a fuller description of the requirements for thesis writing, please refer to the *A Guide for M.A. Thesis Writers* available at the Dean's Office.

PC 201 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Sr. Emelina Villegas, ICM

A praxis whereby learning, unlearning, relearning are processed consciously through actual involvement in people's situation similar to the original setting where the student comes from. Knowledge, insights, mindsets, values, skills gained are surfaced to interface with new theological-pastoral situations and demands. The schedule will depend on the program of activities that will be designed in consultation with the community or people's organizations.

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. The schedule for the comprehensive examination this semester is as follows: Professional Program (non-thesis): April 7, 2017; Academic Program (thesis) June 9, 2017

PLEASE NOTE:

A student in the MA program whose undergraduate degree is **NOT** in Theology or Religious Studies must take the following courses:
PH 103, TH 114, TH 117, TH 120,
HS 123, SC 101, SC 102, and GS 101.
Please refer to the course offerings under the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies for the availability of these courses.

IMPORTANT DATES

ENROLLMENT

Old Students: Nov 28, 29, Dec 1 to 3, 2016

New Students: Dec 9 to 15, 2016

START OF CLASSES: January 9, 2017

STUDENT ASSEMBLY: January 19, 2017

GRADUATION DAY:

May 13, 2017



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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 204 METHODS OF FEMINIST RESEARCH

Prof. 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.

SC 252 BIBLICAL LANGUAGE

Sr. Nimfa Ebor, PDDM
Monday 1:30-4:30 PM

This course provides an introduction to elementary Greek for the purpose of enabling students to make better use of the various tools of biblical research.

TH 201 METHODS OF THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Prof. Marina Altarejos, Ph.D.
Tuesday 8:30-11:30 AM

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.

TH 235 THEOLOGY OF MISSION

Fr. Edward Luc Mees, MJ
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 a 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.

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.

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 211 PROPHETS

Sr. Helen Graham, MM
Wednesday 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.

SC 223 PAULINE LETTERS

Prof. Nancy Pia Sison
Thursday 8:30—11:30 AM

The course presents Paul's life, letters and thought considered historically and theologically. Any two or three of the authentic letters of Paul will be studied in depth.

TH 229A THESIS WRITING A

Prof. Marina Altarejos, Ph.D.
Thursday 8:30 to 11:30 AM

The course equips students with knowledge and skills in research and provides direction in preparing the thesis proposal. Students are allowed to enroll in this course after they have passed the Comprehensive Examination. For a fuller description of the requirements for thesis writing, please refer to the *A Guide for M.A. Thesis Writers* available at the Dean's Office.

SC 253 READINGS IN SCRIPTURE: VATICAN II AND INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sr. Helen Graham, MM
Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 PM

This elective course is designed to orient students to a dialogical approach inspired by *Nostra Aetate* and succeeding documents from the Second Vatican Council to acknowledge the Jewish cultural matrix, out of which, our Scripture arose. It will also explore the implications of such an approach to interfaith or interreligious dialogue.