

Ph.D. Course Descriptions

Fall 2004

Theo 603 Hebrew Bible Seminar: Leviticus
Call # Gary Anderson W 9:30-12:00 (3)

A close reading of the Hebrew original with an eye toward the historical development of the book, the problem of literary sources, the central theological concerns (Tabernacle, Priesthood, Sacrifice, and Purity) and the impact of the work on Second Temple Judaism and early Christianity.

Theo 607H Intermediate Hebrew
Call # 4301 James VanderKam TH 3:45 – 5:00 (3)
X-listed w/507H

The course builds on the lessons learned in Elementary Hebrew and offers the opportunity to increase one's knowledge of Hebrew by reading and analyzing passages from the Hebrew Bible. There will also be some reading selections from other texts such as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Theo 610A Advanced Greek
Call # 1336 David Aune MW 4:30 – 5:45 (3)

Close reading of a selection of Greek inscriptions and literary texts that deal with aspects of Greek religion from the fifth century BCE to the second century CE. While the focus will be on the reading and understanding of Greek texts, the first half of the course will include an introduction to Greek epigraphy (pagan and Christian) as well as to epigraphical tools and resources, while the second half will center on reading selections from a number of Hellenistic authors who provide important descriptions of Greek religious practices (Plutarch, Pausanias and the Greek magical papyri). During the semester, Smyth's Greek Grammar will be systematically read through and discussed when relevant. There will in addition be a lexicographical component of the course in which each student will prepare a study of a particular Greek lexeme.

THEO 611 New Testament Seminar: The Gospel of John
Call # 2686 Jerome Neyrey H 9:30-12:00 (3)

This doctoral seminar will consider the Gospel of John in terms of its background, literary shape, and patterns and historical and social setting. Attention also will be given to the appropriate cultural materials needed to understand this ancient document, such as honor, group-oriented personality, patron-broker-client relations and secrecy.

transcend a simple historical reading and transform the erotic imagery of the poem into a description of the relationship with God. Our seminars will examine these exegetical approaches of the Targum, Origen, Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac of Troyes (Rashi), Rabbi Samuel ben Meir (Rashbam) and Rabbi Abraham ibn Ezra, and Bernard of Clairvaux, within their cultural contexts from antiquity through the medieval period.

Theo 652 Moral Theology Seminar: Thomas Aquinas
Call # 6397 Jean Porter W 9:30 – 12:00 (3)

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in Aquinas's ethical thought, but without attention to the context from which it emerged. Yet Aquinas's moral thought cannot be fully understood or appreciated unless it is placed in relationship to the views of his immediate predecessors and interlocutors. Furthermore, this approach to the study of Aquinas' moral theology also provides us with a case study for examining how moral concepts develop over time, and how they are shaped by social and cultural, as well as intellectual factors.

In this course, we will examine Aquinas' writings on the natural law in the context of relevant texts from selected twelfth and thirteenth century authors, including Abelard, Gratian, William of Auxerre, Bonaventure, and Albert the Great. All texts will be made available in translation, although students who wish to read them in Latin will be given the opportunity to do so. Course requirements will include several short papers and a longer paper on a topic to be determined in consultation with the instructor.

Theo 661 Phil/Theo:Metaphys of Creation
Call #5685 David Burrell H 9:30 – 12:00 (3)

No course description available.

Theo 666 Eschatology
Call # 6399 Mary Doak F 9:30 – 12:00 (3)

No course description available.

Theo 671 Early Christian Worship
Call # 6402 Max Johnson M 1:15 – 3:30 (3)

An introduction to the liturgical sources, ancillary documents, and methodologies for the study of Christian Liturgy in the Patristic Period, with primary concentration on the Eucharist and its

