Academics - Spring 2002 Courses

DVSC 622 30300
Introduction to Constructive Studies in Religion
Meltzer/Tracy
Required of and open only to M.A. students in Divinity.
Discussion groups will be arranged at first class session.

BIBL 603 34100
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
Staff
PQ: BIBL 34000 or equivalent.

BIBL 603 35400
Introductory Koine Greek 3
Staff
PQ: BIBL 35300 or one year college-level Greek.
Ident NTEC 35400

BIBL 603 39800
German: Lecture/Discussion Group
Klauck
In this additional course, German exegetical and theological literature will be read and discussed; only German may be used in this class, which is intended to help students to achieve greater fluency in German.
Ident NTEC 39800

BIBL 603 41800
The Old Testament in the Gospel of John
Klauck
The fourth Gospel will be approached in an unusual, but important way, namely by concentrating on those passages the author is working on with material from the Hebrew Bible or the Septuagint. The issue of intertextuality will be considered. Proficiency in Greek not required but additional sessions will be offered for the reading of the text in the original Greek.
Ident NTEC 41800

BIBL 603 51400
Deutero-Isaiah
Frymer-Kensky
This course is devoted to an exegesis of Deutero-Isaiah. Students are expected to be proficient in Biblical Hebrew and to be able to prepare a text carefully. Class preparation and presentation is the core of this course. In addition, students will prepare a paper on some aspect of Deutero-Isaiah or some question raised by her/him.
PQ: Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew.

BIBL 603 51500
Brauer Seminar: Constructive Biblical Theology: The Bible and Contemporary Theology
Frymer-Kensky /Tracy
This course is devoted to constructing contemporary theology in dialogue with the Hebrew Bible. The course will be a seminar with intensive
student participation. Students will be expected either to have taken Biblical Theology in the winter or to have read the relevant studies of historical Biblical theology. Each student will be expected to write a paper on some aspect of theological interest which uses the Bible as a resource for contemporary thinking in a sophisticated non-literalist way. PQ: One Bible and one constructive course. Ident. THEO 51500. By application only.

BIBL 603 51900
Seminar: The Acts of Thomas
Klauck
As a specimen of the apocryphal Acts of the Apostle, we will deal with the especially important Acts of Thomas (written in Greek). We will also try to include the rather short Acts of Peter and the Twelve Apostles from Nag Hammadi (preserved only in Coptic).
Ident NTEC 51900 PQ: Greek

BIBL 603 53000
Flavius Josephus and Early Christian Literature
Mitchell
An investigation into the writings of Flavius Josephus and their interpretive significance and value for such issues in early Christian literature as: the historical figures of John the Baptist, Jesus, and James the brother of the Lord; first-century Jewish social, religious and political history; the rise of (auto)biographical literature; Josephan historiography and apologetics and the genre of Luke-Acts; modes of Hellenistic Jewish biblical interpretation; and the role and stature Josephus came to occupy for later Christian authors such as Origin and Eusebius.
PQ: Greek and previous coursework in Bible or NTEC.
Ident. NTEC 53000.

THEO 604 30300
History of Christian Thought III
Schreiner
Ident. HCHR 30300

THEO 604 31200
History of Theological Ethics II
Schweiker
A history of theological ethics from the medieval/reformation period to the late-twentieth century.
Ident. RETH 31200

THEO 604 39601
Themes in Modern Political Theology
Part II
Lilla
This seminar, which will be conducted in the Fall (2001) and Spring (2002) semesters, will consider some basic controversies in modern political theology through a survey of twentieth-century Christian and Jewish thinkers. Among the themes to be discussed are: liberalism (theological and political), revelation, authority, eschatology, redemption, messianism, revolution, modernity, secularization,
citizenship and nationalism. A wide range of authors will be examined, including Troeltsch, Cohen, Otto, Barth, Resenweig, Buber, Bloch, Benjamin, Scholem, Schmitt, Strauss, Voegelin, Metz, Moltmann, and Niebuhr. Students may register separately for the two semesters.

Note: Course meetings alternate weekly between Tues and Thurs

Ident SCTH 40102

THEO 604 41300
Calvin's Institutes
Schreiner
Ident HCHR 41700

THEO 604 50500
Mysticism, Memory, and Trauma
Hollywood

Some accounts of Christian meditative practices and of the visionary, ecstatic experiences to which they give rise bear a curious similarity to modern discussions of memory and trauma. The seminar will explore the extent and meaning of this convergence through readings of late medieval meditative, hagiographical, and mystical texts (e.g. Meditations on the Life of Christ, The Life of Christina and the Astonishing, Angela of Foligno's Book) and modern research on trauma and memory (including work by Pierre Janet, Sigmund Freud, Georges Bataille, Jacques Lacan, Judith Herman, Cathy Caruth, and Ruth Leys). PQ: None although a reading knowledge of Latin, French, or German would be useful.

Ident DVPR 50500

THEO 604 51100
Late Medieval Mysticism II
McGinn

IPQ: Reading knowledge of Latin or Medieval vernacular language.

Ident. HCHR 51000.

THEO 604 51500
Brauer Seminar: Constructive Biblical Theology: The Bible and Contemporary Theology
Tracy /Frymer-Kensky

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PQ: One Bible and one constructive course. Ident. BIBL 51500. By application only.

DVPR 605 30200
Moral Perfectionism
Cavell

Meets every third week over three quarters. Check with the philosophy department for exact dates.

Ident PHIL 31200/ RLST 24000
DVPR 605 40600
The End of Metaphysics
Marion
In this course we discuss the origin of this theme, its range and its propositions. Does it mean the impossibility of philosophy as well as metaphysics? What exception of metaphysics is admitted? Does it imply a closure of metaphysics and/or an opening of new possibilities for philosophy? Special attention is paid to Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, and Carnap.
Ident. SCTH 40400/Phil 34900/RLST 23800

DVPR 605 50500
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Ident THEO 50500

DVPR 605 54700
The Phenomenology of Love
Marion
Ident. SCTH 40600/Phil 54700

CHRM 606 30300
Public Church and Its Ministry
Schweiker
PQ: Open only to M.Div. students

CHRM 606 35700
Arts of Ministry: Pastoral Care
Greenfield

CHRM 606 40400
Practicum: Field Education
Thompson
Ident. RETH 46200

HIJD 625 31000
Medieval Aesthetics: God, Nature and Beauty
Pessin
Ident JWSG 31300

HCHR 626 30300
History of Christian Thought III
Schreiner
Ident. THEO 30300
Transatlantic Perspectives on Modern Christianity
Gilpin
A comparative history of Christianity in Europe and the Americas, since 1600, employing selected issues to examine the circulation of religious movements and ideas in the transatlantic world and the connection of Christianity to wider developments in politics, science, and culture.

Calvin's Institutes
Schreiner
Ident THEO 41300

The American Religious Historical Canon
Brekus
This course examines traditional narratives of American religious history. Beginning with Robert Baird's Religion in America (1842), and concluding with Mark Noll's A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada (1992), we will trace how scholars have imagined the whole "Plot" of American religious history. We will focus particularly on how the ideas of the canon have changed over time. Students are required to lead class discussion once during the quarter and to write one 20-25 page paper. Final grades will be based on written work and oral participation.
Ident HIST 48700

Loss and the Study of Lives
Homans
This course explores the experience of loss as it occurs both in the life-course of individuals and in the collective life of groups, institutions, nations and even whole civilizations. We will begin by reviewing existing studies of the life-course as these have been developed in academic and therapeutic (that is, psycho-dynamic) psychologies, often in relation to the writing and reading of biographies and autobiographies. Then we will turn to the more recent work on collective loss, mourning and memory, and the ways in which whole societies represent their experiences of loss and write their histories. Special attention will be given such topics as creativity, forgetfulness and the struggle to re-create shared meanings. Slide presentations will explore representations of loss in 20th Century war memorials and Holocaust memorials.
Ident DVSR 43000/ HUDV 43000/SOSC 43000

Late Medieval Mysticism II
McGinn
Reading Knowledge of Latin or Medieval vernacular language.
Ident. THEO 51100

Second Year Sanskrit
Kapstein
In this course we will examine legal materials from a range of modern and pre-modern societies with a view to gaining a greater understanding of the various intersections between these two cultural forms. As we sample the encounter between religion and law in different cultures we also will be engaging different disciplinary approaches to the study of religion and law.

PQ: Background in Middle East History

An introduction to the Dunhuang manuscripts, focusing on manuscripts related to medieval culture.

The theme of the course is the powers and limits of textual interpretation in the study of religion. The theme is addressed topically through consideration of selected categories of analysis (e.g. genre, narrative, image, and metaphor) and philosophically through reading in hermeneutics and aesthetic theory. The course has no prerequisites.
RETH 638 31200
History of Theological Ethics II
Schweiker
A history of theological ethics from the medieval/reformation period to the late-twentieth century.
Ident. THEO 31200

RETH 638 52000
Augustine's City of God
Elshtain
A close reading of Augustine's great masterwork with a strong emphasis on his critical deconstruction of the politics, rhetoric, and civic religion of Rome and on the social, political, and cultural implications of his concept of a pilgrim people in their sojourn in the earthly city, a people whose lives are framed by the hope of membership in the eternal city of God.
PQ: Some background in political/social theory useful.
Ident. PLSC 42000/FNDL 26200

DVSR 639 42700
Jung: Life, Thought and Times
Homans
In past years scholarship on Jung has languished; it includes repetitive biographies or summaries of theory based on the autobiography, and/or collected works, and/or some letter, usually by Jungians, plus a well-established polemical literature. Recently, a new literature on Jung has begin to emerge which is professional (neither hagiographical nor polemical), scholarly, and informative. This course centers upon earlier and recent studies on Jung’s life, his movement, his thought and the Swiss and European cultures in which these were embedded. It also makes use of recent studies of other psychologies, especially those of Freud and of his followers, and of the national cultures in which these were embedded, as points of comparison and approach.
Ident HADV 42600/ SOSC 4260

DVSR 639 43000
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