

ANTHROPOLOGY, CREATION, GRACE AND ESCHATOLOGY

COURSE NO: DT515
CREDIT HOURS: 3
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ROOM: 201

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will treat the Christian understanding of the origin and destiny of the universe and humanity. Encompassing the major themes of creation, the human person, sin, grace and eschatology, we will carefully consider topics such as the image of God, freedom, the doctrine of Original Sin, the theology of grace, justification and merit, death, judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory.

RATIONALE:

To be provided by Academic Office

OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to articulate the foundations and development, derived from Sacred Scripture, the Tradition, and the Magisterium, of the Church's doctrine with respect to the world and human beings, their origin, transformation, and fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

STRATEGIES:

The course will be conducted primarily through lectures, with ample opportunity for class discussion, as well as the assigned readings.

EVALUATION:

There are three (3) examinations, each counting for one-third (33.3%) of the final grade, scheduled as follows:

Friday, February 8

Friday, March 29

Tuesday, April 30/Wednesday, May 1 (Final Oral Exams - Schedule TBD)

ACADEMIC RESEARCH TRACK:

Those who elect to take this course for STB track credit are also required to submit a research paper of at least 15 pages on a topic related to the course material. For these students, the paper will account for 25% of the final class grade. The topic selected by the student must be approved by the instructor by February 5. A hard copy of the final paper must be submitted **no later than April 26**. There will be a grade reduction for each day a paper is late (e.g. a paper graded as an A will be reduced to A-; A- to B+; etc.).

REQUIRED READING:

Joseph Ratzinger, *"In the Beginning...": A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall*. ISBN: 978-0802841063.

J. Patout Burns (editor), *Theological Anthropology*. ISBN: 978-0800614126.

Joseph Ratzinger, *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*. ISBN: 978-0813215167.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (selections).

Darrel R. Falk, "Human Origins: The Scientific Story" in *Evolution and the Fall*, eds. William Cavanaugh and James K.A. Smith, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2017. (class handout)

Gerald Cleaver, "Universe and Multiverse", to be accessed at <https://biologos.org/articles/universe-and-multiverse>.

SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS:

| DATE | TOPIC | ASSIGNMENT |
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| Friday, January 11 | Course introduction and overview | |
| Tuesday, January 15 | Biblical accounts of Creation | <i>In the Beginning</i> 1-39 |
| Friday, January 18 | Biblical accounts of Creation (cont.) Discussion on Cleaver article | Cleaver, "Universe and Multiverse" |
| Tuesday, January 22 | Doctrine of Creation | CCC #268-354; <i>In the Beginning</i> 41-58 |
| Tuesday, January 29 | Doctrine of Creation (cont.) | |
| Friday, February 1 | The Human Person: Biblical data Discussion on Falk chapter | <i>Theo Anthro</i> 1-38 Falk, "Human Origins: The Scientific Story" |
| Tuesday, February 5 | The Human Person (cont.) | CCC #355-384; 1699-1748 |
| Friday, February 8 | EXAM #1 | |
| Tuesday, February 12 | Biblical Narrative of the Fall | <i>In the Beginning</i> 59-100 |
| Tuesday, February 19 | Original Sin | <i>Theo Anthro</i> 39-128 |
| Friday, February 22 | Original Sin (cont.) | CCC #385-421 |
| Tuesday, February 26 | Original Sin (cont.) | |
| Friday, March 1 | Grace: Biblical foundations | CCC #1987-2029 |
| Tuesday, March 5 | Theology of Grace | |
| Friday, March 8 | Theology of Grace (cont.) | |
| Tuesday, March 12 | Grace, Merit and Justification | |
| Tuesday, March 19 | Grace, Merit and Justification (cont.) | |
| Tuesday, March 26 | Grace, Merit and Justification (cont.) | |
| Friday, March 29 | EXAM #2 | |
| Tuesday, April 2 | Introduction to Eschatology Kingdom of God Universal Salvific Will <i>Parousia</i> and Judgment | <i>Eschatology</i> 1-66 CCC #668-682 |
| Friday, April 5 | Theology of Death | <i>Eschatology</i> 69-103 |
| Tuesday, April 9 | Resurrection of the Body and Immortality of the Soul | <i>Eschatology</i> 104-214 |
| Friday, April 12 | Resurrection of the Body (cont.) | CCC #988-1019 |
| Tuesday, April 23 | Hell Purgatory | <i>Eschatology</i> 215-274 |
| Friday, April 26 | Heaven and Beatific Vision | CCC #1020-1060 |
| Tuesday, April 30 Wednesday, May 1 | FINAL ORAL EXAMS | |
| Friday, May 3 | NO CLASS TODAY | |
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Disclaimer:

The above schedule is intended as a guideline only and may not reflect the actual dates of course events. Procedures in the class are subject to change due to extenuating circumstances.

Academic Policies:

All academic regulations listed in the University of Saint Mary of the Lake catalog apply to this course.

POLICY ON CLASSROOM DEVICES:

The use of electronic devices and technology, including but not limited to notebook computers, tablets, smartphones, etc., is restricted only for the purpose of taking notes on class lectures and discussions. *Any other use of these devices during the class period is strictly prohibited.* This would include checking and sending of email, texting, playing games, using social media, web browsing, etc. A student who misuses technology in violation of this policy is subject to a grade reduction by the professor. Repeated violations will be reported to the Vice Rectors for Academic Affairs and Formation.