

# Course Offerings

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**\*Course Numbering.** Courses numbered 100-199 are Pre-Theology courses. Courses numbered 200-299 are required M.Div. courses. Some courses have prerequisites determined either by a department or by the individual teacher. 400 level courses can be taken for the Master of Divinity degree or the Licentiate of Sacred Theology. S.T.L. Electives are noted as such. 500 level courses are S.T.L. required courses.

## PRE-THEOLOGY PROGRAM

### Department Chairperson

Rev. August Belauskas

### Visiting Professor:

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### Instructor:

Rev. August Belauskas

### Affiliate Faculty:

Rev. Robert Barron (Systematic Theology)

Rev. Emery de Gaál (Systematic Theology)

Rev. Michael Fuller (Christian Life)

Rev. Ronald Hicks (Pastoral Theology)

Rev. John Lodge (Biblical Exegesis)

Dr. Elizabeth Nagel (Biblical Exegesis)

Rev. Edward Oakes, S.J. (Systematic Theology)

Rev. James Presta (Systematic Theology and Christian Life)

Rev. Robert Schoenstene (Biblical Exegesis)

Rev. Daniel Siwek (Biblical Exegesis)

### Adjunct Faculty:

Mrs. Robin Hilliard

Rev. Henry Kricek

Rev. Patrick Rugen

## PHILOSOPHY

### PH101

#### ANTHROPOLOGY

This course introduces the student to philosophy through an examination of questions about "human nature" and what it means to be "human." Related issues are: knowledge, freedom, the individual person, death, purpose and meaning. Important writers in the history of Western thought are examined to see why they come to their conclusions and to see the consequences of their thought for personal and theological reflection. In the process, students discover the nature of philosophy and its methods. (Year I)

Belauskas F

### PH102

#### METAPHYSICS

A study of Being and Reality and all the issues surrounding this important concept. The problem of the One and the Many; transcendental concepts. Also, the possibility of Metaphysics as a true source to understand the nature of reality. (Year I)

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<b>PH103</b>	<b>NATURAL THEOLOGY</b> This is a course in the basic metaphysical questions concerning reality and the principles in terms of which reality can be coherently explained. It also considers the reality of God: His existence, nature, and relationship to the world; the question of evil, faith and reason. Students review both classical explanations and modern critiques. (Year II)	de Gaál	F
<b>PH104</b>	<b>ETHICS</b> This course examines norms for human action, their nature, possibility and foundation, and discusses: the role of values in moral decision-making, theories of ethics, the good, virtue, the moral nature of society, and spiritual ethical issues. (Year I)	Kricek	W
<b>PH105</b>	<b>MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY I</b> This course examines a selection of authors who helped shape the Medieval period, especially St. Augustine. Other writers who will be considered include: Pseudo-Dionysius, John Scotus Eriugena, Anselm, Avicenna, Averroës, Bonaventure, and the Franciscans. (Year I)	de Gaál	S
<b>PH106</b>	<b>MODERN PHILOSOPHY</b> This course analyzes the thought of the great philosophical figures of the early modern period. We shall examine selections from Descartes, Spinoza, Hume, Leibniz, Kant, and Hegel. Major themes to be explored include the turn to subjectivity, the rise of the empirical method, pantheism and deism, the critical problem, and idealism. There will be a special emphasis on the explicitly religious thought of the thinkers under consideration. (Year II)	Rugen	W
<b>PH107</b>	<b>PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR I</b> The Seminar covers a variety of issues: philosophical methods, writing skills, research, the development of personal philosophy; philosophy and theology. (Year I) (2 credits)	Belauskas	F
<b>PH108</b>	<b>HUMANITIES I</b> A study of rhetoric and the richness of language. Concentrated study of various important writers in literature and poetry. (Year I)	Oakes	S
<b>PH109</b>	<b>PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR II</b> (Year II)	Belauskas	S

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<b>PH110</b>	<p><b>POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <p>The course considers both classical and modern views on the nature of society and government. Related themes are: justice, law, rights, culture, history, pluralism, religion and the state, democracy. The Church's social documents also are studied in order to identify philosophical ideas at work within these important writings. (Year I)</p>	Barron	W
<b>PH112</b>	<p><b>MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY II</b></p> <p>A companion course to History of Medieval Philosophy I, this course will concentrate on the life, works, and foundational principles of St. Thomas Aquinas and later developments (e.g. Nominalism). (Year II)</p>	Kricek	F
<b>PH113</b>	<p><b>CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <p>An in-depth consideration of authors in contemporary philosophy and their impact on Christian thinking, with concentration on Heidegger, Marcel, Kierkegaard, as well as James, Peirce, Dewey and the Pragmatic Movement. Other issues include: the human person and his/her relationship to God, others, and the world. (Year II)</p>	Rugen	S
<b>PH114</b>	<p><b>ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <p>This course is a survey of the Greek philosophical tradition from the Pre-Socratics to the rise of Christianity. The course will concentrate on the reading and analysis of philosophical texts. Special attention will be given to the Pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, and the early Christian Apologists. (Year I)</p>	de Gaál	W
<b>PH119</b>	<p><b>LOGIC</b></p> <p>An introduction to logic and a look at critical thinking. Arguments and the assessment of their validity. Common fallacies of argumentation. (Year I)</p>	Rugen	W
<b>PH120</b>	<p><b>PHILOSOPHY OF NATURE</b></p> <p>A study of the basic principles that allow us to understand our world: causality, time, space, matter/form. The relationship of science and faith from a philosophical viewpoint. (Year II)</p>	Oakes	F
<b>PH121</b>	<p><b>HUMANITIES II</b></p> <p>A follow-up course to PH108. (Year II)</p>	Oakes	W
<b>PH123</b>	<p><b>EPISTEMOLOGY</b></p> <p>A study of the nature of knowledge. The various explanations of knowledge as presented throughout western thought. How we justify claims of truth. Various theories of truth. Skepticism, relativism. Faith and Knowledge. (Year II)</p>	Kriek	S

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

<b>RS101</b>	<b>STUDY OF CHURCH AND RELIGION</b> This introductory course in theology examines the fundamental ideas by which we understand Christian faith – Christ, God, the Church, the nature of religion and of faith, and the methods and structure of theological study.	Siwek	S
<b>RS102</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT</b> This introductory Old Testament course examines the Biblical writings, their origin, formation and development, types of interpretation, and forms of literary expression. The course looks at the history of God's people from the beginning up to the Christian era and Israel's unique understanding of God's involvement in the historical process. (Year I)	Schoenstene	W
<b>RS104</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM I</b> (PT Year I) (2 credits)	Belauskas	F
<b>RS105</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM II</b> (PT Year I) (2 credits)	Belauskas	W
<b>RS106</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM III</b> (PT Year I) (2 credits)	Belauskas	S
<b>RS107</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT</b> After some introductory classes on the origins of the New Testament, on methods of reading it, and of its roots in the Jewish Scriptures, the course will spend most of the quarter on the Synoptic Gospels and Acts. Students will also do an assignment involving the study of a New Testament Epistle. (Year I)	Lodge	S
<b>RS108</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL LIFE</b> A study of the many and varied elements that make up the spiritual life of a Christian. Prayer, devotion, scripture. The foundations for a life grounded in the Spirit. (Year I)	Barnum	F
<b>RS109</b>	<b>CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> A thorough review of the major sections of the Catholic Catechism. Discussions and presentations leading to a correct understanding of Catholic teaching and thought. (Year I)	Presta	F
<b>RS110</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM IV</b> (Year II) (2 Credits)	Wiskus	F
<b>RS111</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM V</b> (Year II) (2 Credits)	Wiskus	W

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<b>RS112</b>	<b>MISSION TRIP</b> The weekly field education experiences of the first and second quarter prepare the students for their mission trip through prolonged and meaningful contact and ministry with the poor and marginalized. Emphasis is placed on not only meeting the immediate needs but also on seeing being those needs to the contributing social contexts and cultural structures that lead to injustice in our world. For the mission trip, seminarians and a faculty member will either travel to an international destination as part of a CRS Global Fellows Trip or to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the Diocese of Tucson. The trips are designed to provide effective mission experiences for the men that will illuminate for them the Church's call to justice and their own responsibilities to others based on the dignity of the human person and the role of servants to Christ and His Church. (Year II) (2 weeks)	Wiskus W
<b>RS114</b>	<b>PASTORAL PRACTICUM VI</b> (Year II) (2 Credits)	Belauskas S
<b>RS116</b>	<b>THE DEVOUT LIFE</b> This course, named after St. Francis de Sales' spiritual classic, is designed to explore the practices of meditation and discernment through two great works: St. Francis de Sales' classic, and C. S. Lewis' <i>Screwtape Letters</i> . This course will focus on the tools, concepts, and practices of a life dedicated to conversion, and devotion to Christ. It is hoped that a careful reading of these spiritual writings will promote personal as well as pastoral gifts for the participants. (Year II) (2 Credits)	Fuller S
<b>RS117</b>	<b>DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II</b> The course will study the genesis of the 16 documents of the Council, paying special attention to their content as well as surveying some of the more important documents which followed upon the recommendations of the Council. Reference will be made as well to the theological clarifications made by His Holiness, the late John Paul II, concerning the authentic meaning of the Council.	Keleher F
<b>RS118</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO MARIOLOGY</b> This course will provide a survey of the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of Christ, the Church and Catholic spirituality. The main areas of concentration will be: Mary in the Scriptures; Mary in the Tradition of the Church; the Marian Doctrine of the Church; Marian Devotion and Spirituality as it relates to other "schools" of Catholic spirituality; the Documents of Vatican II on Mary; Contemporary Approaches and Questions.	Presta S
<b>LANGUAGE</b>		
<b>LG002</b>	<b>LATIN I</b> Basic grammar and vocabulary. (Year I)	Schoenstene F
<b>LG003</b>	<b>LATIN II</b> Builds on Latin I. Works with scripture and Church Fathers. (Year I)	Schoenstene W
<b>LG008</b>	<b>LATIN III</b> Continuation of Latin II (Year I)	Hilliard S

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**BI303**

**GREEK I**

This consists of a careful study of the grammar and syntax of the Greek language with emphasis on New Testament usage. (Year II)

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**BI304**

**GREEK II**

Building on Greek I, this course moves toward readings and exegesis of selected passages from the Gospel of John. (Year II)

Nagel

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