DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY (DOCT)

DOCT 401 Introduction to Systematics (3 Credits)
This course provides an introduction to the methods and content of systematic theology, particularly as they play out in three key sub-fields of this discipline: Creation, Revelation, and Eschatology. The class is intended to orient those who are newer to theological study and to help guide students in on-going reflection on major questions in the world of systematics. The semester will begin with an examination of the question "What is theology?" as well as a exploration of theological methods. The subsequent weekends will consider the topics of creation, revelation and eschatology employing a variety of methodological tools.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 406 Christology (3 Credits)
Understandings of the person, presence and mission of Christ in scripture, in doctrine and dogma, and in contemporary theology.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 407 Trinity, Faith and Revelation (3 Credits)
This course explores the emergence and development of the doctrine of the Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity represents the Christian way of naming the mystery of God, how this mystery is shared in history, and the pastoral/practical consequences that follow as a result of this sharing. The course surveys the biblical, philosophical, sociological, and theological landscape that has contributed to this doctrine from early Christianity to contemporary times.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 408 Ecclesiology (3 Credits)
This course examines the nature and structure of the Roman Catholic Church from its apostolic origins to the present. Various models used in understanding the Church will be studied (e.g. the Church as communion, the Church as sacrament, etc.) The local and universal nature of the Church, and issues related to magisterium, authority, evangelization, ministry, and missiology will be discussed.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 411 Christian Anthropology (3 Credits)
This course undertakes a Christian exploration to the question: What does it mean to be human? As a theological discipline, Christian theological anthropology draws from a wide range of sources. These sources include the doctrine of creation, the doctrine of sin and grace, the doctrine of the Trinity, Christology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. This course examines these sources and underscores the historical evolution of Christian theological anthropology.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 413 Theology of Lay and Ordained Ministry (3 Credits)
Students study the biblical foundations, historical development, systematic theology, and canonical structures of ordained and lay ministry in the Church. Cross-listed with PTHM 413.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 414 Eschatology (3 Credits)
To explore how the central themes of eschatology and hope inform the reception, interpretation, and practice of Christianity, this course engages scripture, theological reflections, and fictional narratives spanning different genres, historical periods, and cultural contexts. It invites students to explore, more closely, the transformative power of Christian hope.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 419 Mariology (3 Credits)
Scriptural, Christological and ecclesiological bases of the Church's view of Mary. The development of Marian devotions and their place in the history of spirituality and in contemporary spiritual life.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 424 Theology of Sacrament and Worship (3 Credits)
The roots of Christian worship in symbol, language, and social dynamics. Theological reflection on the sacramental life in the Church. Contemporary approaches to a theology of sacrament especially in relation to Trinitarian, theology, Christology, Pneumatology, Christian anthropology, and ecclesiology. Cross-listed with LTGY 424.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: LTGY 424

DOCT 426 Documents of Vatican II (3 Credits)
The Second Vatican Council has impacted virtually every area of Catholic life and thought. The council invited and guided the church to know itself and its relation to the world more deeply, and the implications of this enhanced understanding continue to unfold today. This course approaches the Second Vatican Council as a historical and theological event. It examines the development of Vatican II, its final documents and the council's interpretation. Emphasis will be given to seeing the council as a whole and the way that each particular document -- and all the documents together -- are an expression of the council's general aims and overarching goals. Additionally, students will be asked to think independently about the connections between particular documents and how the council's teachings inform contemporary issues.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: THEO 394A

DOCT 468A Theologies of Mental Health (3 Credits)
This course will initiate students into contemporary Christian theological discussions that have arisen in view of and in response to mental health issues. After learning the basic features of two major conditions—trauma and depression—students will engage texts that explore the implications of these conditions for a wide range of Christian doctrines and issues including sin and grace; Christology, soteriology, and eschatology; and theodicy and other theologies of God. Cross listed PTHM 468
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 468B Suffering and the Vulnerable Rule of God (3 Credits)
The mission of the Church is to mediate the Reign of God on earth. In this light, we will be asking the question, "How is the Reign of God being revealed through the suffering experience of women and others marginalized because of race, gender, and sexual orientation?" Taking the Lukan image of the "Bent-Over Woman-Standing Up Straight" as the paradigm for all of those thus marginalized, we will explore the ways in which such suffering experience poses an ethical imperative for the Church.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 468C Mary and the Saints (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 468D Christian Responses to Religious Pluralism (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 468E MISSIOLOGY (1-6 Credits)
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 468F Augustine, Aquinas, and Luther (3 Credits)
Few thinkers have exercised greater influence over the Christian theological tradition than Augustine of Hippo, Thomas Aquinas, and Martin Luther. This course will survey and examine the primary contributions of these authors including the way in which their thought has shaped the present state of Christian doctrine. The course will explore each thinker's context and biography; the central theological debates and questions of their time, and common topics among the three thinkers including (1) Christology (2) salvation, (3) sacraments, and (4) Christian life. Students will have the opportunity to explore how these thinkers engage the past and remain relevant for theology and pastoral ministry today.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: HCHR 468A, THEO 394Y

DOCT 468G Philosophy for Theology (3 Credits)
The method, content and status of theological reasoning have always been influenced by the wider intellectual world in which it operates. In particular, philosophy has played an integral role in the development of Christian theology. This course examines the nature of that role, surveying major thinkers and developments from throughout the history of philosophical thought, especially as they have played a part in forming the theological discipline.
Prerequisites: None

DOCT 470 Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisites: None