

## **M.DIV. 900 M.Div. Integrative Seminar and Comprehensive Exam**

**Fall/Winter 2019-20**

### **Course Outline**

#### **Class Start Date & End Date**

September 6 – April 3

#### **Class Meeting Time, Location, and Room**

Dates with no scheduled session may be used to reschedule seminars with your instructors if necessary.

#### **FALL:**

All Sessions begin at 1:15 pm in the Emilie Gamelin Room

Sept. 6 - Fr. Don MacDonald: Introduction and Systematic Theology (Introduction)-confirmed

Sept. 13 – No Session

Sept. 20 - Fr. Don MacDonald: Systematic Theology (Questions 20-24)-confirmed

Sept 27 -

Oct. 4 – Dr. Bob McKeon: Social Teaching (Questions 35-36)-confirmed

Oct. 11 -

Oct. 18 - Fr. Sylvain Casavant: Spiritual Theology (Questions 39-40)-confirmed

Oct. 25 -

Nov. 1 – Mr. David Goa.: Foundational Theology (Questions 6-9)- confirmed

Nov. 8 –

Nov. 15 - Reading Week

Nov. 22 - Dr. Maria Kozakiewicz: Foundational Theology (Questions 1-5)- TBC

Nov. 29 -

Dec. 6 – Fr. Don MacDonald: Systematic Theology (Questions 26-28)-confirmed

Dec. 13 -

**WINTER:**

All Sessions begin at 1:15 pm in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoy Room

Jan. 3 – No Session

Jan. 10 - Fr. Stephen Hero: Sacramental Theology (Questions 29-30)-confirmed

Jan. 17 - Fr. Michael Schumacher: Moral Theology (Questions 31-35)-confirmed

Jan. 24 –

Jan. 31 - Fr. Dave Norman: Revelation and Theological Anthropology (Questions 8, 9 and 24, 25)-confirmed

Feb. 7 - Dr. Stephane Saulnier: Scripture (Questions 10-19)-confirmed

Feb. 14 - Sr. Zoe Bernatsky: Pastoral Theology (Questions 37-38)-confirmed

Feb. 21 - Reading Week

Feb. 28 - Dr. Stephane Saulnier: Scripture (Questions 10-19)-confirmed

Mar. 6 –

Mar. 13 -

Mar. 20 -

Mar. 27 –

Apr. 3 –

**Instructors Name:** Seminar Director, Dr. Ryan Topping, Academic Dean  
Instructors vary by Topic.

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## Course Objectives

### M.DIV. Program Goals

- a) **Intellectual Formation** - The program shall foster sound knowledge of the revelation of God in creation, in Israel, and in the person of Jesus Christ as witnessed to by Scripture and the Church's Tradition.
- b) **Cultural Context** - The program shall foster an evangelical discernment of the 'signs of the times' to engage with the reality of cultural diversity in the Church and world.
- c) **Personal and Spiritual Formation** - The program shall foster growth in terms of human and Christian maturity, as a personal response to being a disciple of Jesus Christ and as a dimension of public witness.
- d) **Capacity for Ministerial Leadership** - The program shall foster theological reflection on and education for the practice of ministerial leadership in the Church and world.

### Course Assignments and Evaluation

Course Assignments will vary by instructor.

PASS or FAIL grade

### Recommended Reading

Comprehensive Exams Questions

### General Academic Information

#### Course Attendance

No credit will be given for a course if the student has been absent, for any reason whatever, from one-third or more of the lectures and/or seminars scheduled for the term. Likewise, no credit will be given if term assignments or other assignments are or remain incomplete.

#### Leave of Absence and Policy for Incompletes

Extensions to an incomplete grade may be granted in extenuating circumstances, but may not exceed 16 weeks following the end of the course. Students who fail to complete course work by the agreed deadline will have a grade assigned which is based on work completed.

#### Academic Integrity

Acts of academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are subject to an appropriate penalty. The grade "F" may be assigned to a student guilty of such acts by the professor of the course in which the infraction occurred. A second offense against academic integrity renders the student liable to automatic dismissal from NTC. Further details are available in the Student Handbook in the Academic Misconduct Policy.

#### Academic Grievances

Students may appeal grades received; the procedure is outlined in the Student Handbook in the Grade Appeal Policy. For other grievances, students will refer to the Student Grievances Policy also outlined in the Student Handbook.

*NOTE: The GPA is computed on the basis of cumulative grade point (letter) values, not percentage values. All courses are included in this calculation except those exceeding degree requirements and/or received as transfer credits from other recognized institutions.*

**Grading System**

Undergraduate Studies C.Th., Dip.Th., B.Th.			Graduate Studies M.T.S., M.Div., M.Th., G.C.C.S.A., M.R.E.		
Grade Meaning	Grade	Grade Point	Grade Meaning	Grade	Grade Point
Excellent	A+	4.0	Excellent	A+	4.0
	A	4.0		A	4.0
	A-	3.7		A-	3.7
Good	B+	3.3	Good	B+	3.3
	B	3.0		B	3.0
	B-	2.7		B-	2.7
Adequate	C+	2.3	Adequate	C+	2.3
	C	2.0		C	2.0
	C-	1.7		C-	1.7
Marginal	D+	1.3			
	D	1.0			
Fail	F	0.0	Fail	D+	1.3
				D	1.0
				F	0.0

**Written Assignments - Style and Format**

Newman Theological College requires that all written work be submitted in acceptable academic format and style. Please note the following regulations:

**Regulations**

Research papers, book reports, article summaries, reflection papers, and essays should be double-spaced, printed on one side only, and submitted on white, 8.5" x 11" paper.

A standard type style, such as Times New Roman, with a 12-point font size, must be used. The instructor will specify the most recent edition of the style manual to be used:

1. Kate Turabian, "A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations" (Chicago: University of Chicago Press).
2. Joseph Gibaldi & William Ahters, eds., "MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers" (New York: Modern Language Association of America).

3. American Psychological Association "Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association" (Washington: APA Publications).

Copies of these standard references may be purchased in the NTC bookstore.

Ignorance of standard form is not considered an acceptable excuse for deviation from required standards of format and style.

### Academic Regulations

The following Academic Regulations are located in the Academic Calendar for your reference:

- Changes in Registration: Add/Drop/Withdraw Notice
- Course Work
- Final Examination Schedule
- Incomplete Grade Policy
- Inclusive Language

### Related Academic Matters

The following Related Academic Matters are located in the Academic Calendar for your reference:

- Grade Reports & Posting
- Glossary of Academic Terms

### Other Related Policies

The following policies are located in the Student Handbook for your reference:

- Academic Misconduct Policy
- Grade Appeal Policy

### Recording of Lectures

Audio or video recording of lectures, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior consent of the instructor. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study, and is not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s).

### Student Accessibility Services:

If you have special needs that could affect your performance in this class, please let me know during the first week of the term so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If you are not already registered with Student Services, contact Doreen Bloos at 780-392-2450 ext. 2212; Email [doreen.bloos@newman.edu](mailto:doreen.bloos@newman.edu).

**Bibliography** (May be distributed in class.)