

STP 567E/i Introduction to Eastern Canon Law

Fall 2019

Course Outline

Class Start Date & End Date

Note: On-campus courses begin on the first date the course is offered and the last date the course is offered excluding exam week.

Online courses begin on the first day of any semester and end on the last day of the semester including exam week.

Class Meeting Time, Location, and Room

Fri. 1:15-4:05 pm; 5:30-8:20 pm; Sat. 9:00-11:50 am

Sept. 20/21; Oct. 11/12; Nov. 22/23; Nov 29/30

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Course Description

This course introduces the student to the canonical discipline of the Eastern Christian Churches according to the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*. Topics include: Introduction to canon law; history of canon law; notion of a Church *sui iuris*; church membership and jurisdiction; sources of canon law in the East; codification and spirit of the new Code; ecclesial structures; and liturgical and sacramental law.

Course Objectives

Familiarity with the Eastern Christian Churches and Eastern Canon Law; develop an appreciation for the need for canonical discipline and order within the Church; gain an understanding for the application of canon law in today's world.

M.DIV. Program Students

- a) **Intellectual Formation** - The program shall foster sound knowledge of the canonical discipline on the Church, in particular, as it relates to the Eastern Christian Churches.

- b) **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.
- c) **Capacity for Ministerial Leadership** - The program shall foster theological reflection on and education for the practice of ministerial leadership in the Church and world, in particular, in the application of canon law in the Church today.

Course Assignments and Evaluation

Grade calculation: 10 two-page article reviews – 50%; Final (oral) examination – 50%.

Textbooks

Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Latin-English Edition, New English Translation. Prepared under the auspices of the Canon Law Society of America, Washington, DC, Canon Law Society of America, 2001 (available in print or on-line).

Instruction for the Application of the Liturgical Prescriptions of the “Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches,” Vatican City, Vatican Publishing House 1996 (available on-line).

Course Requirements

Class attendance; readings and 10 two-page article reviews; final (oral) examination.

Course Schedule

Friday, September 20

Introduction to canon law. *The notion of “canon law;” historical background; notion and nature of a rite/Church sui iuris; membership and jurisdiction.*

Sources of Eastern canon law. *Sacred Canons. Canons of the Holy Apostles; First four ecumenical councils; Fifth-Sixth ecumenical councils (Council in Trullo); Seventh ecumenical council; local councils; canons of the Church Fathers; Latin canon law development; Synods of Churches sui iuris.*

Saturday, September 21

Application: celibacy and married clergy in the East and West.

Friday, October 11

Codification of Eastern Canon Law; *canonical collections. Existing Eastern legislation; codification of Eastern legislation; revision and codification; Vatican II and post-conciliar legislation.*

Overview and spirit of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. *Spirit; ten guidelines/principles of codification; sources; Title; A code for Easterners in Latin; legislator; promulgation; contents and structure; common law; particular law.*

Saturday, October 12

Application: deacons and deaconesses.

Friday, November 22

Church Structures. *Ecclesial and juridical structures of a Church sui iuris; Patriarchal Churches; Major Archiepiscopal Churches, Metropolitan Churches; other Churches; Pastoral care of Eastern faithful residing outside patriarchal territory; Eparchial organs*

Membership in a Church sui iuris. *Membership in an autonomous Church; transfer; change by law; children of parents who change; persons entering into full Catholic communion; conformation*

Saturday, November 23

Application: Financial management/mismanagement.

Friday, November 29

Principles of divine worship; sacraments of initiation. Penance; holy orders; anointing of the sick; marriage.

Principles of worship participation; sacramental *communicatio in sacris*; principles of non-sacramental worship.

Saturday, November 30

Application: Protecting Minors. Pastoral care of divorced and remarried.

General Academic Information

Late Submission Policy.

Late submissions are accepted for exceptional reasons only. You must contact the professor beforehand and make this request offering the reason for the request.

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.

Bibliography

Available first day of classes.