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TITLE: SCHOLASTIC PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS

TERM: S  YEAR: 20171 (Jan–Apr 2017)

PROFESSOR: Dr. Pamela J. Reeve

SCHEDULE: Tuesdays, 2–4
First class: Tuesday, 10 January 2017

REGISTRATION: Limited to 20 students

LOCATION: St. Augustine’s classrooms
Cardinal Flahiff Building, 95 St. Joseph Street

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to scholastic terms and concepts in the context of their use in the philosophical theology of Thomas Aquinas. Readings will cover topics such as the existence and nature of God, cosmology (creation and providence), the human soul and its powers, the principles of human action, virtues and vices, and law.

COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES:

Students will develop a working knowledge of the main terms and concepts in Aquinas’ metaphysics, anthropology, epistemology, and moral philosophy through the study of key passages from the first two parts of his Summa theologiae. The course will foster the formation of an integrated view of the philosophical foundations of Aquinas’s theology and an understanding of the profound synthesis of faith and reason in his writings. Written assignments will provide an opportunity to develop skills in the understanding and interpretation of texts and the use of relevant online and printed resources.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXT:


RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

• See starred entries in the following abridged bibliography.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/TESTS:

• 1 analytic outline (approx. 1250 words) (15%)
• 1 essay (approx. 3500 words) (40%)
• Class participation (20%)
• Final take-home summative exam (25%)
Abridged Bibliography


Catholic University of America Press, 1983.