



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Thomas Aquinas from the Middle Ages to our days - 39715

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

We shall study the history of Thomas Aquinas' doctrine and its interpreters and readers.

Course/Module aims:

To familiarize the students with selected topics from Thomas Aquinas' scholarship and Neo-Thomistic thought in the modern era.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To analyze texts from the Thomistic tradition in their historical context.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: reading; discussion; consulting manuscripts; interview

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Thomas: a 13th century Dominican scholar
3. Thomas: The Science of Theology
4. Thomas: Language and the description of God
5. Thomas: Natural Law, Nature and Grace
6. Tour: The National Library and the Ecole Biblique
7. Canonization, Reformation and Counter-reformation
8. Thomas, Science and Baroque
9. 19th century Neo-Thomism and Anti-Modernism
10. The 20th Century: Thomas, Democracy and Human Rights
11. The 20th century: Thomas at the Second Vatican Council
12. A Zoom conversation with Fr. Thomas-Joseph White, rector of the Angelicum
13. Thomas today

Required Reading:

A reading list based on primary and secondary sources will be provided in the beginning of the semester.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 20 %

Additional information:

Presence in the seminar sessions is mandatory. The seminar includes short reading reports on a regular basis.