

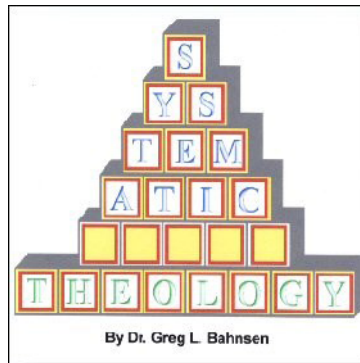
SPRING 2016 TRS GRADUATE COURSES
JCU GRADUATE COURSES IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES — SPRING 2016

TRS 430: Systematic Theology

(3 credits)

Dr. Elizabeth Antus

R 6:30–9:15 pm



This introduction to Catholic systematic theology examines several foundational concepts (revelation, faith, scripture, tradition, community, the human person, and method) and then explores how these concepts interact in the systems of a few significant theologians from the pre-modern, modern, and postmodern periods. Beginning with the assumption that all theology is contextual, the course will locate these thinkers within their different historical and cultural worlds.

NB: This is a required course for MA students and ideally should be taken before any other systematic theology course.

TRS 559: Special Topics in Asian Religions — Silk Road Religions

(3 credits)

Drs. Paul Nietupski & Bo Liu (AH)

MW 3:30–4:45 pm



This course focuses on the “Silk Roads,” the historical Eurasian international trade routes, giving particular attention to the northern overland routes through China, India, and the eastern Turkic republics. The course begins with the Indian Mauryan and Chinese Han dynasties at about 200 BCE, and continues with the Indian Kushan, Gupta, and Pala periods, and the Chinese Northern and Southern dynasties, with major focus on the Tang Dynasty (618–907), and extending to the middle of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911). Key examples or case studies will be presented chronologically.

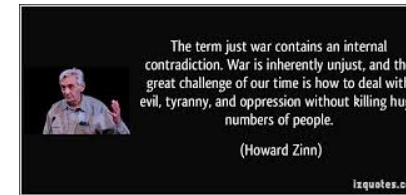
NB: Please note the atypical meeting time on MW afternoons. Seats are limited; consult the TRS department chair if you wish to take this course.

TRS 569: Special Topics in Religious Ethics — Just and Unjust War

(3 credits)

Dr. Paul Lauritzen

M 6:30–9:15 pm



This course is an introduction to the ethical issues posed by the use of violence. In the West, one moral framework for assessing the use of violence is just war tradition. This tradition can be traced back at least to Augustine, and it has significantly shaped contemporary international law and military ethics. This course will examine some of the canonical texts of just war tradition, explore the evolution of the tradition, and investigate how contemporary terrorism challenges the tradition.



TRS 589: Special Topics: Teaching Theology & Religious Studies to, with, & for Adolescents & Young Adults

(3 credits)

Drs. Sheila McGinn & Mark Storz (ED)

W 6:30–9:15 pm



This course engages students in the theory and practice of teaching religion and theology to, with, and for adolescents and young adults, both in a public-school context and in the context of a religious community. We will explore the dynamics of human psychological, moral, intellectual, and faith development; strategies for engaged learning; the relationship between information and formation in religious education; as well as first-amendment issues and best practices for teaching of religion.

