

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

TRANSITION PROGRAM COURSE SCHEDULE 2016-2017

LANGUAGES AND TEXT READING

LATIN I (DTHY 4003)

FALL TERM

MONDAY, 8:30-11:20 AM

This course will introduce students to Latin language and grammar for the reading of various texts.

INTRODUCTION TO TEXT READING (DPHY 1107)

WINTER SEMESTER

MONDAY, 8:30-11:20 AM

The objective of this course is to encourage close textual examination of actual writings of ancient and medieval authors, to develop skills in historical exegesis, and to enhance the ability to think independently of secondary sources of opinion.

DISCOVER WISDOM

INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (DPHY 1100)

FALL TERM

MONDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

This course will initiate students into the universe of philosophers and philosophy through the study of fundamental texts of the Western philosophical traditions. The emphasis will be on the study of the nature, scope and necessity of philosophical inquiry as an intellectual endeavour, distinct from other disciplines, namely theology and science. We will also discuss some philosophical problems, such as human knowledge and freedom.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT (DTHY 1041)

FALL TERM

TUESDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

This course introduces undergraduate students to the study of theology, with special attention to the methods, purposes and characteristics of theology as a field of inquiry and scholarship, through a survey of the history of Christian theological thinking from the New Testament to the twenty-first century, and through a presentation of the more significant figures or schools that have contributed and are contributing to Catholic theology.

CRITICAL THINKING AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (DPHY 1104)

WINTER TERM

FRIDAY, 8:30-11:20 AM

The course aims to develop fundamental skills in reasoning and critical thinking through the study of argument types, logical structures, criteria used in the evaluation of arguments, and forms of fallacious reasoning. Students will also be introduced to the basic elements involved in conducting philosophical and theological research, and will learn about the various phases and major components of a research project.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

THE BIBLE: HISTORY, CULTURE, AND FAITH (DTHY 1021)

WINTER TERM

THURSDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

General introduction to the Bible in its entirety, including both the Old and the New Testaments, in a believer's as well as in a cultural perspective. Titles, content and order of the books, diversity of the writings and literary genres, major features and themes, aims and historical context, gradual development of major collections of biblical texts, their normative value and their integration as canonical texts.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (DTHY 1060)

WINTER TERM

MONDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

A presentation of the major reference points in the birth, development and influence of Christianity over twenty centuries: its evolution and key figures and events: the first five centuries, its growth and consolidation; the Byzantine and medieval era, and confronting the modern and postmodern ages.

INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIOUS ART (DTHY 1080)

FALL TERM

THURSDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

It is impossible to visit a museum, to travel abroad or to read a history book without coming across, at every turn, religious Christian art in its multiple forms (architecture, paintings, sculptures, music), its specific references, its wealth of symbols, its major stages of development (classical, roman, gothic, baroque, modern, contemporary). Such are the elements that will be identified and studied in this course.

HISTORY OF IDEAS I. ANCIENT CIVILIZATION (DPHY 1111)

FALL TERM

FRIDAY, 1:30-4:20 PM

From Prehistory to History. Ancient Egypt: monarchy and social structures. The immortality of the soul. The kingdoms of Mesopotamia: Sumerians and Amorites. The Epic of Gilgamesh and the Code of Hammurabi. The universal empire of Persia. The Zoroastrianism. Ancient Greece: the political structures of the Mycenaean Society. The Iliad and the Odyssey. The notion of Polis. Athens: democracy and social knowledge. The Sophists. Politics in Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. The educative ideas of Isocrates. Rome: the idea of a universal empire. Rome and the laws. The philosophical ideas of Cicero and Seneca.

HISTORY OF IDEAS II. MORE THAN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (DPHY 1112)

WINTER TERM

TUESDAY, 8:30-11:20 AM

The notion of Middle Ages. The decadence of Rome and the Christianization of social and political order. A theological-metaphysical perspective. The Augustinian vision of the world. Political and ecclesiastical power. Social and educational ideas in the Carolingian Empire. The schools. The religious orders. The polemic about investitures and the conflicts between temporal and spiritual powers. Knowledge and science: the creation of the university. Thomas Aquinas and his theory about social order. Towards a modern state: William of Ockham and Marsiglio of Padua. Individualism and laicization.