



<p><b>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</b></p>	<p>Fundamental Thomistic-Aristotelian (Thomistic Realism) overview of the following topics –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition and Value of Metaphysics</li> <li>• First Principles: Identity, Contradiction, Excluded Middle, Sufficient Reason</li> <li>• Attributes of First Principles: true, Necessary, and Immediate</li> <li>• Order of First Principles</li> <li>• Analogy and Being: Univocal, Equivocal, and Analogous Terms</li> <li>• Being vs. Becoming</li> <li>• The Transcendentals of Being: UNUM, VERUM, BONUM, PULCHRUM</li> <li>• The Aristotelian Categories</li> <li>• Substance and Accident</li> <li>• Act and Potency</li> <li>• Essence and Existence</li> <li>• Causality: Efficient, Final</li> <li>• Finite and Contingent Being</li> <li>• Infinite and Necessary Being</li> </ul>
<p><b>TEXTS AND MATERIALS:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metaphysics by D.Q. McInerney. Fraternity Publishers, 2004.</li> </ul> <p><b>SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philosophia Perennis, Volume I: An Introduction to Philosophy as Wisdom by Br. Francis Maluf, M.I.C.M., Saint Benedict Center, 1995. Chapter 9 (Ontology).</li> <li>• Introduction to the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas: Metaphysics, Vol. IV by H.D. Gardeil, O.P., B. Herder Book Co. 1967.</li> <li>• Scholastic Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction by Edward Feser. Editiones Scholasticae, Vol. 39, 2014.</li> <li>• Modern Thomistic Philosophy: An Explanation for Students (Vol. II – Metaphysics) by R.P. Phillips, The Newman Press, 1948.</li> <li>• Thomistic Philosophy – Vol. II: Metaphysics by Henri Grenier. 1948.</li> <li>• The Metaphysics by Aristotle. Penguin Classics.</li> <li>• An Introduction to the Metaphysics of St. Thomas Aquinas (Translated and edited by James E. Anderson). Gateway Editions. Regnery Publishing, Inc. 1953.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PRIMARY ENDS OF COURSE:</b></p>	<p><b>STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the terminology of Thomistic-Aristotelianism</li> <li>• Comprehend metaphysical concepts detailed in the COURSE DESCRIPTION.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PRIMARY TEACHING METHODS:</b></p>	<p>Lecture and class discussion.</p>

<b>ASSESSMENTS USED:</b>	<b>Tests and quizzes.</b>
<b>SUGGESTED QUARTERLY SCHEDULE</b>	<b><u>SEMESTER 01:</u> CHAPTERS 1-7 <u>SEMESTER 02:</u> CHAPTERS 8-15</b>
<b>COURSE PATRON:</b>	<b>SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS and MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM</b>
<b>COURSE PRAYER:</b>	<b>AVE MARIA</b>