



<p>THEME/MASTER QUESTION:</p>	<p>PROVING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD FROM REASON ALONE AND THE LIFE-ALTERING CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A TRUTH.</p>
<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</p>	<p>Fundamental Thomistic Analysis of the Following Topics - (1) the Nature of Natural Theology (i.e. the Philosophy of God and Theodicy); (2) Man’s Natural Knowledge of God; (3) Pre-Thomistic Proofs for Demonstrating the Existence of God (the Platonic proof, the Aristotelian proof, the Augustinian proof, Saint Anselm’s Ontological Argument); (4) Saint Thomas Aquinas: Cosmological Argument (Quinque Viae); (5) Objections to the Cosmological Argument of Saint Thomas Aquinas; (6) Post-Thomistic Proofs for Demonstrating the Existence of God (Descartes, Leibniz, Paley, C.S. Lewis, Jacques Maritain, and Adler); (7) Moral Arguments for the Existence of God; (8) the Names of God (Ego Sum Qui Sum); (9) The Attributes of God (Simplicity, Perfection, Goodness, Infinity, Ubiquity, Immutability, Eternity, Unity); (10) the Divine Intellect (Operations, Omniscience, Ideas, Truth); (11) the Divine Will (Love, Justice, and Mercy of God); (12) The Omnipotence of God; (13) The Providence of God; (14) Atheism; and (15) the Problem of Evil.</p>
<p>TEXTS AND MATERIALS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summa Contra Gentiles – God by Saint Thomas Aquinas. Anton Charles Pegis (Translator), University of Notre Dame Press. • A Philosophy of God by Fr. Thomas Gornal, S.J., Sheed and Ward. _ Selections. • Natural Theology by D.Q. McInerney. The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter Publications. • Five Proofs of the Existence of God by Edward Feser. Ignatius Press, 2017. • Who Designed the Designer? A Rediscovered Path to God’s Existence by Michael Augros. Ignatius Press, 2015.
<p>PRIMARY ENDS OF COURSE:</p>	<p>STUDENTS WILL ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be capable of proving the existence of God using the QUINQUE VIAE of Saint Thomas Aquinas.
<p>PRIMARY TEACHING METHODS:</p>	<p>Lecture and class discussion.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENTS USED:</p>	<p>Tests and quizzes.</p>
<p>SUGGESTED QUARTERLY SCHEDULE</p>	<p><u>SEMESTER 01:</u> Pre-Thomistic Proofs <u>SEMESTER 02:</u> Quinque Via and Post-Thomistic Proofs</p>

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