

Dear Students,

Spring 2018 Course Registration through NetClassroom will open from November 3 to December 20, 2017. For guidance, please consult the following links: [Spring 2018 Course Offerings and Schedule](#), [MA Theology Curriculum Guide](#) and [MA Leadership Curriculum Guide](#). Core course descriptions can be found on pages 11 to 16 of the [2017-18 Graduate Bulletin](#). The elective courses offered this Spring are described at the end of this message. The Spring 2018 Booklist is available at the [Student Center](#). If you have questions about your course progression, contact your academic advisor. If you do not know who your advisor is, contact me.

Please make yourself familiar with the important dates on the [2017-18 Academic Calendar](#), particularly the Add and Drop deadlines. Classes begin the week of January 15. Detailed instructions on registering are below.

Things you should know:

**Tuition** for 2017-18 is \$1700 per three credit-hour course. Tuition is due the first day of classes, and can be paid on-line with a credit card. A \$45 discount is applied for payment by cash or check.

**Intensive Courses will be held on campus January 8 - 12** The courses offered are: SCRP 601 *Aquinas on Scripture* (Mortensen) and THEO 525 *Challenge of Secularism* (Blum & Sri). Neither course will be recorded. Please note that THEO 525 may be taken in place of HIST 502 requirement for MA Theology students. Course descriptions are below. For those considering the journey to Denver for an Intensive, you will be pleased to know that **Intensive Course Scholarships** are available to help defray travel expenses. Applications are **due by December 15** and can be found under "Academic Forms" at the [Student Center](#).

The **St. Nicholas Fund** provides need-based financial aid to both on-campus and distance students who have completed six courses. Applications are for the upcoming semester only. To learn about eligibility and to apply, visit [St Nicholas Fund](#). Applications for the Spring 2018 semester are **due by November 30**.

**Intent to Graduate:** If you will be taking your last class this Spring, you are required to fill out the Intent to Graduate form found at the [Student Center](#) page under "Academic Forms."

If you have any questions, please contact me. I am happy to help.

In Christ,

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### **Instructions for Net Classroom registration (and/or Add a class):**

1. Login to [NetClassroom](#) using your case-sensitive username and password. The link can also be found on the Student Center. If you have difficulty logging in, contact me and I will send your username and password.
2. Click on the "Registration" tab.
3. Click on "Enroll in Classes."
4. Click on "Edit Registration."
5. To enter your class choice(es), under the 1<sup>st</sup> choice click the down arrow. Choose the course name from the drop-down menu. You may choose up to 4 courses but are not required to register for more than 1.
6. In the second column choose the section, usually 1 for on-campus or 2 for DE. If the course is only offered as OC or only offered as DE, you still must select 1 as the section. If the section box is left blank, you will not be registered.
7. When you have chosen all of your classes, click on the Submit button at the bottom of the page. The next page will summarize your choices. Please check to make sure all is correct and the class hours are listed for each course. If it is not correct, please use the instructions to add or drop a class.
8. If you receive an error message regarding pre-requisites, please check to make sure you are taking the next possible class in the sequence for your degree program. If you believe your schedule is accurate, but still get an error message, please contact me to override the issue.

**You will NOT receive a confirmation email of your registered class(es). To check your registration status, login to NetClassroom.**

### **To Drop a class:**

1. Click on "Edit Registration."
2. Go to the listed class that you would like to drop or delete.
3. Click on the down arrow next to the class. At the top of the list is a blank line; choose the blank. The class will no longer be visible.
4. Click the "Submit" button.

**Self-Registration closes on December 20.** After that, use the Add/Drop Form found on the [Student Center](#) under "Academic Forms" to make a class change. The last day to add a regular Spring class is January 19. The last day to drop and receive full refund is February 9. Each successive week after the last drop date, your tuition refund decreases by 25%. The last date to withdraw from a class (no refund) is March 9.

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### **ELECTIVE COURSES Spring 2018:**

#### **January Intensives:**

**SCRIP 601 *St. Thomas Aquinas on Scripture* - Dr. John Mortensen** This course provides an intensive look into the thinking of Thomas Aquinas as well as the methods and sources of his time. Beginning with the principles and divisions of the Bible laid down by Thomas Aquinas, students will proceed to explore his method of appropriating the Tradition in his biblical

research. An examination of the way Aquinas describes authors and books of the Old and New Testaments will lead into a comparison of his Scriptural exegesis with his systematic theology.

**THEO 525\* *The Challenge of Secularism* - Drs. Blum and Sri.** North American society has become self-consciously and at times aggressively secular. For Christians, life under a secular regime raises grave questions and problems, and the most serious of these may not turn out to be threats to our religious liberty, but instead have to do with the ways a secular culture distorts and misshapes our moral and spiritual lives. After examining the nature and origins of contemporary secularism, we will consider secularism as a negation of the virtues of religion as understood by St. Thomas Aquinas and ask what kind of moral and spiritual deformation threatens to follow from that negation. We will then reflect on what Christians can do to strengthen their communal lives, their moral vision, their search for truth, and their life of worship, so that they may live authentic Christian lives within secular society and work for the re-evangelization of that society. **\*Please note- this course may be taken in lieu of HIST 502 *The Church & Modernity* core requirement for MA Theology students.\***

**Spring:**

**SCRP 730 *The Prophets*** This course introduces students to the lives and literature of the biblical prophets. Starting with an introduction to the historical development of the phenomenon of prophecy in Israel and its relation to prophetic activity and writing among other peoples of the ancient Near East, this course will launch into a comprehensive survey of both the Major and Minor prophets, including Lamentations and Baruch. For each prophetic book, students will come to grasp its historical context, rhetorical goals, literary techniques, critical issues, theological implications, and its application to Christian life today. The course will give special attention to applying Catholic interpretive principles to the prophetic books and demonstrating how they are embraced by the Tradition.

**THEO 730 *Theology of Conversion* - Prof. Douglas Bushman** This course will: Study of the nature of conversion as both the proximate goal of the New Evangelization and as the condition for the perfection of paschal charity, which is the soul of the New Evangelization. Analysis of the dynamics of conversion as the ongoing encounter with God's merciful love, fully revealed Jesus Christ, based on biblical examples, classics of Catholic spirituality, magisterial texts, and theological works. Focus on the nature of holiness, the means to holiness, and the fruits of holiness (based on Chapter Five of *Lumen gentium*). Major subjects include: prayer, discerning God's will, the ecclesial and missionary dimensions of personal vocation, spirituality of work, spirituality for the family, spirituality of suffering, and spiritual direction.

Note: MA Theology students may also take THNE 502 and THNE 602 as electives. MA Leadership Students may also take HIST 501, HIST 502, and SCR 504 as electives. Descriptions of these courses may be found in the [2017-18 Graduate Bulletin](#).