

# STEO1002: Sintesi teologica

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## SYLLABUS

### DESCRIPTION

At the end of the first cycle of studies in theology, this seminar aims to help the student to acquire a global knowledge and understanding of the internal structure of the Catholic faith, which is not simply a collection of theses, but is an organic system (cf. Benedict XVI, *Letter to seminarians*, n. 5, October 16, 2010). Setting out from the basic principles of theological method (*auditus fidei, intellectus fidei, analogia fidei*) the seminar will consider the fundamental questions of various theological treatises, so as to reinforce the knowledge of Catholic doctrine, to stimulate its personal assimilation, and to prepare the students to “proclaim, explain and protect it in their priestly ministry” (cf. *OT* 14 e 16).

**LANGUAGE:** English.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the seminar, each student should show:

- 1) Knowledge of the essential content of most of the themes, in view of the comprehensive bachelor’s exam.
- 2) Competency in applying Catholic doctrine to various pastoral situations.
- 3) Autonomy of judgment in the formulation of a synthetic, hierarchical and ordered vision of theology.
- 4) Competency in communicating and explaining Catholic doctrine.

**DIDACTIC METHOD:** To achieve the aforementioned learning outcomes, the seminar will consist in two types of sessions.

- 1) Sixteen periods of 45 minutes, in each of which one student will have 15 minutes to present one of the themes, followed by 30 minutes of questions and dialogue in which all students should participate [outcomes 1 and 4 = review for the final exam].
- 2) Six periods of general discussion to explore connections between previous themes [objectives 2 and 3 = personal synthesis].

### EVALUATION OF THE STUDENT (3 ECTS = 75 ore di lavoro)

- 1) Every assignment will have a point value; the final grade will be based on the number of accumulated points, divided by ten.
- 2) The student may earn up to **25 points** for active participation in the seminar discussions (20 hours).
- 3) The remaining 55 hours of study should be divided among the following activities.
  - a. Every student will be required to prepare and present a brief explanation—no more than 15 minutes—on one, two, or three themes (depending on the number of students), explaining the sense of the major questions. The use of a projector is **not allowed**, but hand-outs are accepted and encouraged. Each exposition will be worth up to **20 points**.
  - b. Every student is encouraged to write a summary of two to three pages for *every other* theme. Each summary is worth up to 5 points (5 points x 15 themes = 75 possible points).
    - i. Summaries for Themes 1-5 and 10 should be turned in by April 10th.
    - ii. Summaries for Themes 6-9 and 11 should be submitted by May 8th.
    - iii. Summaries for Themes 12-16 should be submitted by May 30th.
    - iv. The assignments may be submitted by email.

**CLASS HOURS:** Mondays, 10:30 – 12:15.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mondays, 15:00 – 17:00, by appointment ([dkoonce@legionaries.org](mailto:dkoonce@legionaries.org)).

## RECOMMENDED READINGS

J.-H. NICHOLAS, *Sintesi dogmatica: dalla Trinità alla Trinità*, 2 vols., LEV, Città del Vaticano, 1991.

A. FERNÁNDEZ, *Teología dogmática: curso fundamental de la fe católica*, BAC, Madrid 2009.

G.L. Müller, *Dogmatica cattolica: per lo studio e la prassi della teologia*, San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo 1999<sup>1</sup>

L. OTT, *Grundkriss der katolischen Dogmatic*, Herder, Freiburg, 1952; English Translation: *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

## CALENDAR

Unit	Date	Theme	Presenter
1	23 feb	Introduction to the seminar	Fr. David Koonce, L.C.
2 a	2 mar	Theme 1. Revelation	
2 b	2 mar	Theme 2. Trinity	
3 a	9 mar	Theme 10. Creation and Original Sin	
3 b	9 mar	Discussion on themes 1, 2, and 10	All
4 a	16 mar	Theme 3. Cristology and Soteriology	
4 b	16 mar	Theme 4. Ecclesiology	
<i>Vacanza di Pasqua</i>			
5a	4 apr	Theme 5. Mariology	
5b	4 apr	<i>No class during the 4th period. Feast of the Athenaeum</i>	
6	11 apr	Discussion (2): themes 3, 4 and 5	
7 a	18 apr	Theme 11. Grace and theological virtues	
7 b	18 apr	Theme 6. Liturgy and Sacraments in General	
8	25 apr	<i>Civil holiday. No classes.</i>	
9 a	2 mag	Theme 7. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation	
9 b	2 mag	Discussion (3) on themes 11,6, and 7	All
10 a	9 mag	Theme 8. The Sacraments of Healing	
10 b	9 mag	Theme 9. The Sacraments of Service	
11 a	16 mag	Theme 13. Fundamental Moral Theology	
11 b	16 mag	Discussion (4) on themes 8, 9 and 13	All
12 a	23 mag	Theme 16. Social Doctrine	
12 b	23 mag	Theme 14. Bioethics	
13 a	30 mag	Theme 15. Sexual Morality	
13 b	30 mag	Discussion (5) on the 16, 14 e 15	All