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THE CORE VALUES AND VISION OF UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS



THE CORE VALUES OF UST ARE:

GOODNESS: We serve God in faith and love by giving of ourselves to students, colleagues, and society.

DISCIPLINE: We demand personal responsibility, accountability, and integrity in ourselves and in one another.

KNOWLEDGE: We pursue truth and academic excellence in the Catholic intellectual tradition, emphasizing the dialogue between faith and reason.

COMMUNITY: We build and nurture relationships that transform our lives, our university, and our world.

VISION STATEMENT

“We have decided that within 25 years we will become one of the great Catholic Universities in America.”

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THE CENTER FOR THOMISTIC STUDIES



HISTORY OF THE CENTER

The Center for Thomistic Studies was founded in 1975 at the University of St. Thomas, a Catholic University founded by members of the Congregation of St. Basil and located in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. English-speaking Basilians in North America have long been connected with fostering the study of Aquinas, most prominently by founding, along with Etienne Gilson, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies at the University of Toronto in 1929. In 1976, at the request of the Center's principal founder, Fr. Victor B. Brezik, CSB, Professor Anton C. Pegis, formerly president of the Institute of Mediaeval Studies at Toronto, accepted the position of Director of the Center. His was the responsibility for designing the program, acquiring a suitable faculty, and supervising the accumulation of library resources. After Dr. Pegis' sudden death in 1978, Professor Vernon J. Bourke accepted the position of Interim Director from 1978-80. The official announcement of the opening of the Center occurred in October of 1979 at a symposium to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Aeterni Patris*. Graduate courses were first offered in the fall semester of 1980. By this time Fr. Ronald D. Lawler, OFM. Cap. had assumed directorship of the Center. In 1982 he was succeeded by Fr. Leonard A. Kennedy, CSB; in 1987 by Fr. Thomas A. Russman, OFM. Cap.; in 1996 by Interim Director Dr. Jerome Kramer; in 1998 by Fr. John C. Gallagher, CSB; in 1999 by Dr. Christopher Martin and in 2000 by Dr. Daniel McInerny. The current Director of the Center is Dr. Mary Catherine Sommers, who assumed the position in 2002.

The MA and PhD programs in the Center for Thomistic Studies received initial accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1980 (MA) and 1982 (PhD) and permanent accreditation in 1985 (MA) and 1988 (PhD).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



In 1998, as the 20th century neared its end, Pope John Paul II issued an Encyclical Letter, *Fides et Ratio*, in which he called for a re-commitment on the part of philosophers and theologians to the study of the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, tempered to fit the exigencies of the twenty-first century.

In the 17th century, modern philosophy began with a “turn to the subject” that threatened a triumph of idealism over realism as the modern period developed. Addressing this situation in 1879, Pope Leo XIII issued his Encyclical Letter *Aeterni Patris* as a general call to return to realism in philosophy, particularly in the form taught by the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas. This call brought about nothing less than a revival of Thomism, often called “neo-Thomism”, which became one of the principal intellectual forces shaping the circumstances in the Church and the world that led to the Second Vatican Council, 1962–1965. In the aftermath of the Council, many seemed to think that Thomism had done its work, and that thinkers should now turn to the further task of assimilating the best of late modern thought—as influenced by neo-Thomism—in the light of the Council.

However, as the 21st century opened, Pope John Paul II directed our attention to the fact that thinkers today, although opposed in other ways, seem to agree that “modernity” is over and a new epoch of “postmodernity” is dawning. Stating clearly that the meaning of “postmodern” in “the philosophical field” has yet to be determined, both in its positive content and in its relation to “the demarcation of the different historical periods” preceding the postmodern epoch, the Holy Father called upon Catholic intellectuals “to reiterate the value of the Angelic Doctor’s insights and insist on the study of his thought.”

While Pope Leo XIII well recognized that the modern age had brought with it a secular outlook whose overweening faith in human reason tended to undermine rather than confirm the rationality of religious faith, Pope John Paul II suggested that the transition to a postmodern age presents philosophy with an opportunity to move beyond modernity, and establish a positive meaning for rationality within postmodern intellectual culture. As “modernism” devolved into

“postmodernism”, the Holy Father reaffirmed the perennial value of Thomistic thought and the pre-eminent position of Aquinas among the guides to a correct understanding of the way in which faith builds upon the achievements of human reason. In so doing he challenged us to develop and demonstrate the relevance of the Angelic Doctor’s teaching, and to give a positive bent to the postmodern intellectual culture in which we find ourselves.

The Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St Thomas, Houston, is founded upon the Church’s insistence upon the perennial value of the thought of Aquinas in the new millennium, with a commitment to meet the challenges and realize the opportunities pointed out by Pope John Paul II as the dawn of a new age in philosophy and intellectual culture. The model of constructive cross-cultural dialogue that Aquinas presents in his writings we take as a model for the pursuit of truth across the ages. In our Center, a living Thomism is studied, both steeped in historical knowledge of tradition and engaged with contemporary culture in shaping the future.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTER PROGRAMS

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION, MA PROGRAM

Applicants are admitted to the Center’s MA program in philosophy if the Admissions Committee judges that they will be able to carry out the program successfully. The Admissions Committee consists of the Director of the Center and all Center faculty members. Requirements for admission are as follows:

- 1.** Official transcript of an earned bachelor’s degree, preferably with an undergraduate major in philosophy or in a related liberal arts field. Students in their senior undergraduate year must furnish this evidence as soon as possible after they complete their degree requirements.
- 2.** At least 18 hours of undergraduate philosophy in courses that would prepare the student for the program at the Center for Thomistic Studies. A maximum of 12 hours of graduate work in philosophy may be accepted as transfer credit towards the M.A. degree at the discretion of the Director.
- 3.** An undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- 4.** Official transcripts of all academic work after high school.
- 5.** A record of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination.
- 6.** Letters of recommendation from three professional educators qualified to evaluate the applicant’s academic background and scholastic ability.
- 7.** A writing sample, preferably an essay from a course in philosophy or a related liberal arts field. Students who have written an MA thesis in a related liberal arts field must submit their MA thesis.

Application forms are available online at the Center website. There is no deadline date for applications, but students are advised to apply as early as possible—and no later than February 1 to assure full consideration for scholarships and fellowships.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION, BA/MA PROGRAM

The BA/MA Program in the Philosophy Department and Center for Thomistic Studies allows qualified UST philosophy majors (or double majors) to earn a BA and an MA in philosophy in 5 years instead of the standard 6.5. Students receive the BA after completing all requirements for a UST undergraduate degree and the MA after completing all remaining requirements of the BA/MA Program. Students may apply in their junior year. Requirements for admission are as follows:

- 1.** At least 18 hours of undergraduate Philosophy.
- 2.** An undergraduate grade point average in philosophy of at least 3.5 and 3.3 overall GPA.
- 3.** Successful completion of CLASS 1331- 1332 (Latin) or the equivalent.
- 4.** Two letters of recommendation from members of the UST philosophy faculty.
- 5.** GREs are not required.

Application forms are available online at the Center website. There is no deadline date for applications, but students are advised to apply as early as possible—and no later than February 1 to assure full consideration for scholarships and fellowships.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION, PHD PROGRAM

Applicants are admitted to the Center's PhD program in philosophy if the Admissions Committee judges that they will be able to carry out the program successfully. The Admissions Committee consists of the Director of the Center and all Center faculty members. Requirements for admission are as follows:

- 1.** Students must have an MA degree in philosophy from the Center for Thomistic Studies or from another institution and be judged by the Admissions Committee to be capable of completing the PhD program. Students from other institutions will be required to complete the Center's Core Program in Thomistic Studies.

A maximum of 12 hours of graduate work in philosophy may be accepted as transfer credit towards the Ph.D. degree at the discretion of the Director.

- 2.** Transcripts of all academic work after high school, submitted directly by the institutions concerned.
- 3.** A record of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination.
- 4.** Letters of recommendation from three professional educators qualified to evaluate the applicant's academic background and scholastic ability.
- 5.** A writing sample. Students who have written a thesis as part of their MA program at another institution must provide that thesis as their sample. All others must supply an essay from an MA-level course in philosophy.
- 6.** Fulfillment of the language requirement. Students continuing with MAs from the Center will have already passed the MA-level Latin Examination, but students who have received MA's from other institutions must pass the MA-level Latin Examination no later than the third semester of doctoral study.

Application forms are available on online at the Center website. A \$35 fee is required. There is no deadline date for applications, but students are advised to apply as early as possible-- and no later than February 1 to assure full consideration for scholarships.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MA students of the Center who will be in the United States on a student visa must take at least nine credit hours or the equivalent per semester to fulfill the visa requirement that they be full-time students. During the final semester of the MA program, such students are required to take only the credit hours needed to complete the MA, even if these are fewer than nine. Students on student visas are usually not allowed to be gainfully employed outside of the University. Applicants must be accepted into the Center before they can apply for their student visas. The application for visa requires the help of the University's International Student Advisor.

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

Students taking a course or courses in the Center for Thomistic Studies, even if not proceeding to a degree, must satisfy both the Director and the course instructor concerning their ability to follow with profit the course or courses in question.

TUITION & FEES

The latest information on tuition & fees is available online from the University of St. Thomas Business Office webpage:

http://www.stthom.edu/Offices_Services/Offices/Student_Financial_Services/Tuition_Fees/Fall_Tuition_Page.aqf

FINANCIAL AID

The Center offers two kinds of financial assistance. First, there are scholarships awarded for the complete or partial remission of tuition. Second, there are Center fellowships, awarded to excellent full-time students, which provide assistance over and above tuition remission. Fellowships require of students some service to the Center to be assigned by the Director of the Center for Thomistic Studies. These Center assistantships, however, are not teaching assistantships. All applicants for full-time study are considered for scholarships or fellowships. All awards are based upon merit. The term "merit" includes the student's suitability for the graduate program in Thomistic studies, as well as excellent academic performance and, for the entering student, strong GRE scores. BA/MA students are eligible for regular UST financial aid, and the Cullen Undergraduate Scholarships in Philosophy.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – MA IN PHILOSOPHY

1. Language - Latin, pass at MA level

2. Courses

30 hours, of which 18 hours are constituted by the following set of Center core courses and 12 of which are electives.

Center Core in Thomistic Studies

(1) PHIL 5314 Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature

(2) PHIL 5304 Thomistic Metaphysics

(3) PHIL 5338 Thomistic Ethics

(4) A fourth course in Thomistic Philosophy chosen from among the following:

PHIL 5309 The Life and Works of Thomas Aquinas

PHIL 5311 Selected Problems in [Thomistic] Epistemology

PHIL 5312 Philosophy of Natural Law

PHIL 5317 Philosophy of Nature

PHIL 5335 Aquinas' Polemical Writings

PHIL 5337 St. Thomas on Justice (*Secunda Secundae*)

PHIL 5351 The Logical Theory of Thomas Aquinas

PHIL 5359 Essence and Existence in Aquinas

PHIL 5362 Aquinas and the Problem of Evil

PHIL 5363 Law and Grace in Aquinas

PHIL 5369 Thomistic Political Philosophy

PHIL 5392 Twentieth Century Thomist Revival

PHIL 5393 Contemporary Thomism

(5) PHIL 5359 Introduction to Philosophical Latin

(6) PHIL 5340 M.A. Comprehensive Exam Course

Where necessary, and with the approval of the Director of the Center, students may substitute a three-hour elective for one of the courses not in the Center Core.

3. MA Comprehensive Exam

A. A three credit-hour Comprehensive Exam Course: involves the student in the reading and outlining of twelve (12) books for the MA exam.

B. A six-hour written examination, divided into two sessions.

C. A one-hour oral exam administered by three faculty examiners.

4. Masters Thesis

A master's thesis is required only for those not proceeding on to the doctoral program in the Center. Those pursuing a terminal MA should register for either PHIL 5300 or PHIL 5600.



CENTER'S CORE IN THOMISTIC STUDIES

Language Requirement:

All entering students must **either** pass the Latin examination at the MA level **or** take **PHIL 5359 Introduction to Philosophical Latin** in the first year of studies.

PHIL 5359 Introduction to Philosophical Latin

The objective of this course is to produce facility in reading medieval, philosophical Latin, and in particular, the Latin of Thomas Aquinas. The format, content and requirements of the course will be set by the faculty member who is responsible for teaching the course that year. It will be taught as part of the regular course load by a member of the Center faculty or another person competent to teach the course. Grades for the course are given by the instructor and are independent from the results of the Latin Examination.

Students who pass the Latin Examination in the first semester of studies will receive 3 hrs. of credit-by-examination for **PHIL 5359 Introduction to Philosophical Latin**. Grades are determined in the following way: Pass at the MA level = "A-". Pass at the PhD level = "A". PhD students, who receive credit for an MA pass, must subsequently pass at the PhD level before defending the dissertation proposal.

Students who have successfully completed **PHIL 5359** must still pass the Latin Examination at the appropriate level. An MA pass is required for the MA degree and a PhD pass for the PhD degree. No additional credit is awarded to students who have completed **PHIL 5359** for passing the Latin Examination.

PHIL 5314 Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature

This investigation of Aquinas's philosophy of the human person will have as its primary focus Aquinas's solution to the question of how the human soul can be identified both as the form in the human form-matter composite and as a subsistent entity capable of surviving the corruption of the body. Among other key issues to be discussed are the nature of the passions and the relationship between the intellect and will. Readings from the *Prima pars* of the *Summa theologiae* will play a central role in the discussion, with other readings from the Thomistic corpus chosen at the instructor's discretion.

PHIL 5304 Thomistic Metaphysics

This course has as its first task the nature of metaphysical inquiry itself. This inquiry will involve a crucial set of distinctions, including the distinctions between natural philosophy and

metaphysics, substance and accident, essence and existence, act and potency. Metaphysics, according to Aquinas is the highest of the philosophical sciences and is thus worthy to be the culmination of the Center's trio of fundamental courses in Thomistic philosophy. The texts for this course are chosen at the discretion of the instructor.

PHIL 5338 Thomistic Ethics

Building on the achievements of the course in Thomistic anthropology, this course highlights the human person as an agent moving toward particular ends or goods, and finally toward the ultimate end which Aquinas calls *beatitudo*: happiness. The nature of the ultimate end will thus be the centerpiece of the course discussion, with other key concepts and distinctions which contribute to Aquinas's understanding of the ultimate end coming strongly into play, e.g., the nature of the human act, the distinction between right and wrong action, the nature of and the distinctions between the virtues, and the role of law in human happiness. Discussion will be focused on but need not be limited to questions in the *Secunda pars* of the *Summa theologiae*.

THE FOURTH THOMISTIC PHILOSOPHY COURSE to be chosen from the following courses: PHIL 5309, PHIL 5311, PHIL 5312, PHIL 5317, PHIL 5335, PHIL 5337, PHIL 5351, PHIL 5359, PHIL 5362, PHIL 5363, PHIL 5369, PHIL 5392, PHIL 5393

Descriptions may be found on-line in "Degree Programs and Courses" at:

http://www.stthom.edu/Degrees_Programs_Courses/Courses_Schedule/Course_Catalog_Descriptions.aqf

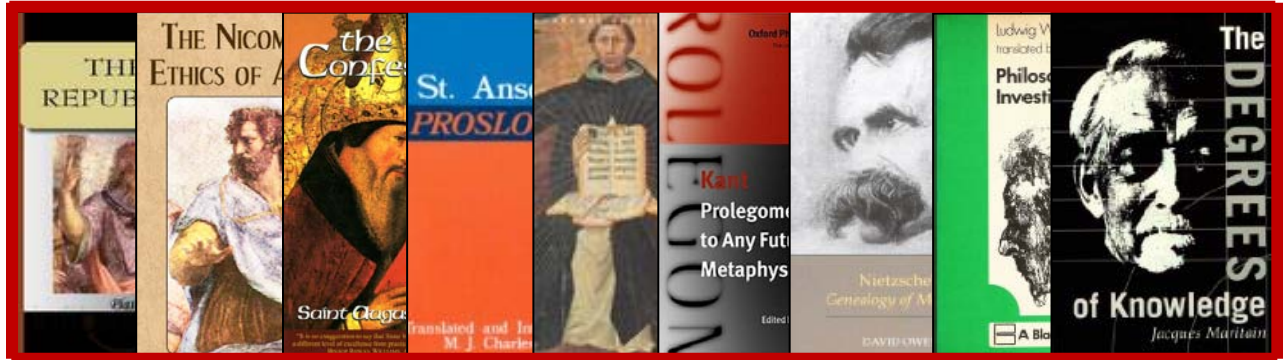
PHIL 5340 The MA Comprehensive Exam Course

The MA Comprehensive Exam Course, and the MA Comprehensive Examination toward which it aims, are taken in the semester after all other courses have been finished, which will normally be the fourth semester of study. The Course is a directed readings course supervised by a Center faculty member, designed to help students prepare the readings for the MA Comprehensive Examination.

The MA Comprehensive Examination

- 1.** The MA Comprehensive Examination is taken at the end of the semester in which the student takes the Comprehensive Examination Course. Students must obtain written permission from the Director of the Center in order to schedule the MA Comprehensive Examination in a semester other than the fourth semester of MA study.
- 2.** The candidate takes the two parts of the six-hour written examination either on the same day or on two consecutive days. The first part of the examination will cover ancient and medieval; the second part will cover early modern, late modern, and recent Thomistic material. Students must take the oral examination within one week of the written examination.
- 3.** The MA Comprehensive Examination is organized by the faculty member designated as the Faculty Coordinator. The Faculty Coordinator is responsible for the MA Comprehensive Course for that academic year. The Faculty Coordinator will solicit written questions from all Center faculty and at least two Center faculty members must grade each question. In consultation with the Director of the Center, the Faculty Coordinator will average the grades on the written test. Students must pass the written test with a minimum grade of "B-" in order to proceed to the oral examination. If a student fails the written examination, she/he must retake the exam within six months.

4. The oral component of the examination lasts one hour and is set by three faculty examiners chosen by the Faculty Coordinator in consultation with the Director of the Center. The three examiners determine the grade for the oral examination. If the candidate passes the oral with a minimum grade of “B-”, the three examiners compare the written and oral grades and then by vote determine an overall grade for the MA Comprehensive Examination. This grade is entered as the grade for the MA Comprehensive Course. If a student fails the oral examination, he must retake it within six months.



BOOK LIST FOR THE MA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

For this examination the student must choose twelve (12) books from the following menu of options:

ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY (3 works must be chosen, the *Republic* and *Nicomachean Ethics* are mandatory)

Required:

Plato, *Republic*

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*

Additional Text:

Aristotle, *Physics* or *On the Soul*

MEDIEVAL /LATIN PHILOSOPHY (3 authors must be chosen, one must be Aquinas)

Augustine, *Confessions* or *City of God* (selections) or *Free Choice of the Will* and *On Christian Teaching*

Anselm, *Proslogion*

Aquinas: Metaphysics: *De ente et essentia* and *Summa theologiae* Ia, qq.1-7, 12-13, 44-46; Person: *Summa theologiae* Ia, qq. 75-87; Ethics: *Summa theologiae* Ia-IIae, qq. 1-20 or *Summa theologiae* Ia-IIae, qq.55-67, 90-100

Scotus: Selections

Suarez: *Metaphysical Disputations* (selections)

Poinsett: *Treatise on Signs* or *De primo cognito*

EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY (2 authors must be chosen, one must be Kant)

Descartes, *Meditations*

Spinoza, *Ethics* I, II

Hobbes, *Leviathan* (selections)

Locke, *Second Treatise on Government* **or** *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (selections)
Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* **or** *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*
Kant, *Prolegomenon to Any Future Metaphysics* **or** *Grounding of the Metaphysics of Morals* **or** one of the three *Critiques*

LATE MODERN PHILOSOPHY (2 authors must be chosen, one from A and one from B)

A.

Hegel, *Philosophy of Right* **or** *Phenomenology of Spirit*

Nietzsche, *The Genealogy of Morals*

Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling* **or** *Either/Or*

Heidegger, *Basic Problems of Phenomenology* **or** *Being and Time* **or** *On the Essence of Truth*

Husserl, *The Crisis of the European Sciences* **or** *Ideas* **or** *Cartesian Meditations*

Gadamer, *Truth and Method*

Marx, *Communist Manifesto* **and** *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844*

Sartre, *Being and Nothingness*

B.

Peirce, “A New List of Categories” **and** “A Neglected Argument for the Existence of God”

Frege, “Sense and Reference” **and** **Russell**, “The Theory of Descriptions” Counted as one author.

Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*, Part I.

Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* **and** *Identity and Necessity*

RECENT THOMISTIC PHILOSOPHY (2 authors must be chosen)

Maritain, *The Degrees of Knowledge* **or** *Integral Humanism* **or** *Nine Lectures on Ethics* **and** *Existence and the Existent* **and** *Preface to Metaphysics*

Gilson, *The Unity of Philosophical Experience* **or** *Being and Some Philosophers* **or** *Christian Philosophy*

Owens, *An Elementary Christian Metaphysics*

Finnis, *Moral, Political, and Legal Theory*

Loneragan, *Insight*

MacIntyre, *After Virtue* **or** *Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry*

Simon, *Philosophy of Democratic Government*

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – JOINT BA/MA DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY

The BA/MA Program in the Philosophy Department and Center for Thomistic Studies allows qualified UST philosophy majors (or double majors) to earn a BA and an MA in philosophy in 5 years instead of the standard 6.5. Students receive the BA after completing all requirements for a UST undergraduate degree and the MA after completing all remaining requirements of the BA/MA Program.

THE PROGRAM

30 hours of graduate philosophy including:

(1) **PHIL 5314** Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature

(2) **PHIL 5338** Thomistic Ethics

(3) **PHIL 5304** Thomistic Metaphysics

(4) **PHIL 5359** Introduction to Philosophical Latin

(5) **PHIL 5340** M.A. Comprehensive Exam Course **or** **PHIL 5300** M.A. Thesis

(6) **15 hrs.** of electives.

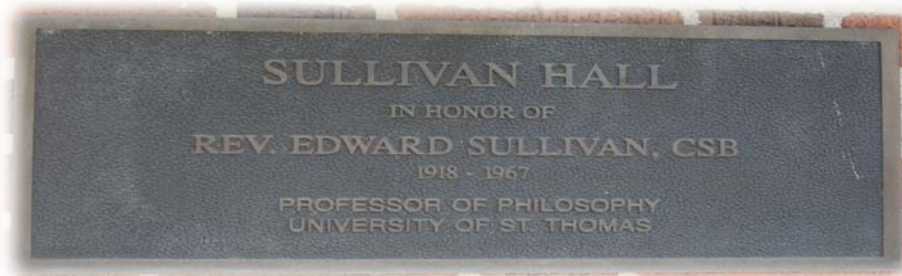
1ST YEAR: students take **12 hrs.** of graduate philosophy courses, including **PHIL 5359 Philosophical Latin**, and at least one of the following:

PHIL 5314 Aquinas on Human Nature

PHIL 5338 Thomistic Ethics

PHIL 5304 Thomistic Metaphysics

2ND YEAR: students take **18 hrs.** of graduate philosophy courses including either **PHIL 5340** M.A. Comprehensive Exam Course or **PHIL 5300** M.A. Thesis.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – PHD IN PHILOSOPHY

A. Students Entering without an M.A.:

1. Years 1&2:

a. 10 3-hr. courses, including the CTS core:

(1) PHIL 5314 Aquinas on Human Nature

(2) PHIL 5338 Thomistic Ethics

(3) PHIL 5304 Thomistic Metaphysics

(4) One course to be chosen from the following:

- **PHIL 5309** Life & Works of Thomas Aquinas
- **PHIL 5311** Selected Problems in [Thomistic] Epistemology
- **PHIL 5312** Philosophy of Natural law
- **PHIL 5317** Philosophy of Nature
- **PHIL 5335** Aquinas' Polemical Writings
- **PHIL 5337** St. Thomas on Justice (*Secunda Secundae*)
- **PHIL 5351** The Logical Theory of Thomas Aquinas
- **PHIL 5359** Essence and Existence in Aquinas
- **PHIL 5362** Aquinas and the Problem of Evil
- **PHIL 5363** Law and Grace in Aquinas
- **PHIL 5369** Thomistic Political Philosophy
- **PHIL 5392** Twentieth Century Thomist Revival
- **PHIL 5393** Contemporary Thomism

(5) PHIL 5359 Introduction to Philosophical Latin (if the student does not pass the M.A. Latin Exam upon entrance [3 hrs. of credit-by-examination])

(6) PHIL 5340 MA Comprehensive Exam Course (Students may also register for **PHIL 5603** MA Comprehensive Exam Preparation Course In order to maintain full-time status.)

b. A passing grade on the M.A. Latin Exam and the MA Written & Oral Comprehensive Exams.

M.A. is awarded after completion of these requirements. Progression to Ph.D. studies is dependent upon review by the faculty.

- 2. Year 3:** 18 hours of additional courses, including **PHIL 5334** Contemporary Logic
- 3. Year 4:** **PHIL 5605-06** Doctoral Exam Preparation

Students may register for PHIL 5605 in their 4th semester of studies if they have completed 30 hrs. They should register in PHIL 5606 in all subsequent semesters until their dissertation topic has been approved.

- a.** Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam
- b.** Ph.D. Latin exam
- c.** Additional language exam (*Student must pass an exam in French or German. Another language may be substituted at the discretion of the Director of the Center if the student's dissertation work warrants it.*)
- d.** Ph.D. proposal oral exam

- 4. Years 5-9:** **PHIL 6100:** Dissertation & **PHIL 6600** Dissertation Continuation

B. Students Entering with an M.A.

1. Years 1&2:

- a.** 10 3-hr. courses including these elements of the CTS core:

- (1)** **PHIL 5314** Aquinas on Human Nature
- (2)** **PHIL 5338** Thomistic Ethics
- (3)** **PHIL 5304** Thomistic Metaphysics
- (4)** One course to be chosen among the following:
 - **PHIL 5309** Life & Works of Thomas Aquinas
 - **PHIL 5311** Selected Problems in [Thomistic] Epistemology
 - **PHIL 5312** Philosophy of Natural law
 - **PHIL 5317** Philosophy of Nature
 - **PHIL 5335** Aquinas' Polemical Writings
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 - **PHIL 5369** Thomistic Political Philosophy
 - **PHIL 5392** Twentieth Century Thomist Revival
 - **PHIL 5393** Contemporary Thomism
- (5)** **PHIL 5359** Introduction to Philosophical Latin (if the student does not pass the Ph.D. Latin Exam upon entrance [3 hrs. of credit-by-examination])
- (6)** **PHIL 5334** Contemporary Logic

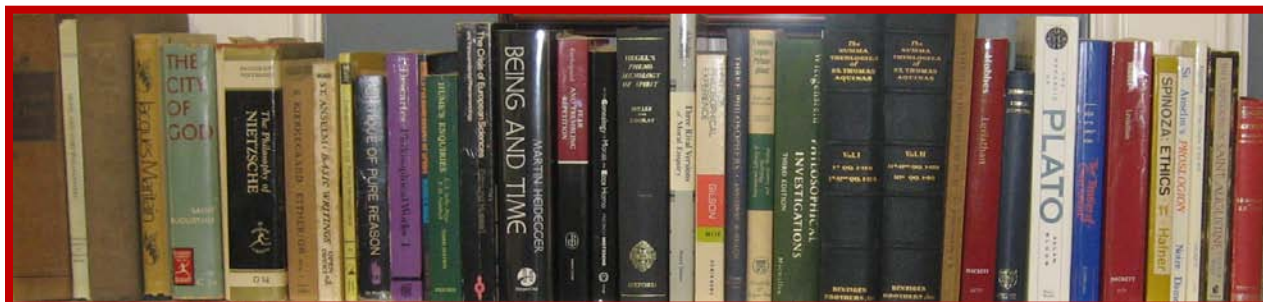
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Students may register for PHIL 5605 in their 4th semester of studies if they have completed 30 hrs. They should register in PHIL 5606 in all subsequent semesters until their dissertation topic has been approved.

- a. Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam
 - b. Ph.D. Latin exam
 - c. Additional language exam (*Student must pass an exam in French or German. Another language may be substituted at the discretion of the Director of the Center if the student's dissertation work warrants it.*)
 - d. Ph.D. proposal oral exam
- 3. Years 4- 8: PHIL 6100: Dissertation & PHIL 6600 Dissertation Continuation**

THE PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

1. All course work must be completed before the PhD Comprehensive Examination is taken.
2. Students preparing for the PhD Comprehensive Examination should register for **PHIL 5605: Doctoral Exam Preparation I** the first semester after completing their coursework and **PHIL 5606: Doctoral Exam Preparation II** for all subsequent semesters until their dissertation topic has been approved.
3. The PhD Comprehensive Examination is taken during the regular semester following completion of course work. Written permission from the Director of the Center must be obtained to schedule the PhD Comprehensive Examination at a different time.
4. The PhD Comprehensive Examination is organized by the Director of the Center or his or her appointee.
5. The PhD Comprehensive consists of two parts: a twelve-hour written examination, divided into two parts: six hours on ancient and medieval philosophy, six hours on early modern, late modern, and recent Thomistic materials. The candidate will take the written examination on two or three different days within two weeks of each other.
6. Questions will be solicited from all faculty in the Center for the written examination. At least two faculty members will grade each question. In consultation with a senior member of the Center, the Director will average the grades on the written test. Students must pass the written test with a minimum grade of “B” to proceed to the oral examination. If failed, the written exam may be retaken once, but must be retaken within one year of the date of the original exam.
7. The oral examination lasts one hour and must be taken within two weeks of the final part of the written examination. The oral examination is set by three faculty examiners chosen by the Director. The three examiners determine the grade for the oral exam. If the candidate passes the oral with a minimum grade of “B”, the grades on the written and oral portions are compared and the overall grade is determined by vote. If a student fails the oral examination she/he must retake it within one year.



BOOK LIST FOR THE PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

For this examination the student must choose twenty-four (24) books from the following menu of options:

ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY (6 works must be chosen)

Plato (Choose **2 works**; the *Republic* is mandatory)

Republic (Mandatory) **and** *Symposium* **or** *Gorgias* **or** *Timaeus* **or** *Phaedo*

Aristotle (Choose **3 works**. **Either** *Nicomachean Ethics* **or** *Politics* is mandatory)

Nicomachean Ethics **or** *Politics* (Mandatory) **and**

Physics **or** *On the Soul* **or** *Posterior Analytics* **or** *Metaphysics* **or** *Nicomachean Ethics* **or** *Politics*

A sixth work may be chosen from the following:

Plotinus, *Enneads* (selections)

Porphry & Aristotle, *Isagoge & Categories*

Epicurus, *Letter to Menoeceus* **and** *Principal Doctrines & Sayings*

Cicero, *De Officiis*

MEDIEVAL/LATIN PHILOSOPHY (6 works must be chosen)

Augustine (1 work must be chosen)

Confessions **or** *City of God*

Aquinas (3 works must be chosen. 1 from each group below):

Group 1:

De ente et essentia **and** *Summa theologiae* Ia, qq. 1-7, 12-13, 44-46

Commentary on Metaphysics (selections)

Group 2:

Summa theologiae Ia, qq. 75-87

Commentary on De anima (selections)

Group 3:

Summa theologiae Ia-IIae, qq. 1-5, 55-67, 90-100

Summa theologiae Ia-IIae, qq. 1-20

Commentary on the Nicomachean Ethics (selections)

2 works must be chosen from the following menu of options:

Scotus, *Selections*

Suarez, *Metaphysical Disputations* (selections)

Poinsot, *Treatise on Signs* **or** *De primo cognito*

Ockham, *Selections*

Bonaventure, *Journey of the Mind to God*

Averroes, *Long Commentary on the De Anima, Bk. 3*

Avicenna, *Metaphysics of the Healing* **or** *Physics of the Healing, Bk. 1*

EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY (5 texts must be chosen; one must be by Kant)

Descartes, *Meditations*

Spinoza, *Ethics I, II*

Leibniz, *Monadology* or *New Essays Concerning Human Understanding*

Hobbes, *Leviathan* (selections)

Locke, *Second Treatise on Government* or *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (selections)

Berkeley, *Three Dialogues*

Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* or *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals* or *Dialogue on Natural Religion*

Kant, *Prolegomenon to Any Future Metaphysics* or *Grounding of the Metaphysics of Morals* or one of the three *Critiques*

LATE MODERN PHILOSOPHY (4 works must be chosen, 2 from A and 2 from B)

A.

Hegel, *Philosophy of Right* or *Phenomenology of Spirit*

Nietzsche, *The Genealogy of Morals*

Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling* or *Either/Or*

Heidegger, *Basic Problems of Phenomenology* or *Being and Time* or *On the Essence of Truth*

Husserl, *The Crisis of the European Sciences, Ideas, or Cartesian Meditations*

Gadamer, *Truth and Method*

Marx, *Communist Manifesto* and *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844*

Sartre, *Being and Nothingness*

B.

Peirce, “A New List of Categories” and “A Neglected Argument for the Existence of God”

Frege, “Sense and Reference” and **Russell**, “The Theory of Descriptions”

Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*, Part I.

Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* and *Identity and Necessity*

RECENT THOMISTIC PHILOSOPHY (3 authors must be chosen, Maritain, Gilson and one other)

Maritain, *The Degrees of Knowledge* or *Integral Humanism* or *Nine Lectures on Ethics* and *Existence and the Existent* and *Preface to Metaphysics*

Gilson, *The Unity of Philosophical Experience* or *Being and Some Philosophers* or *Christian Philosophy*

Owens, *An Elementary Christian Metaphysics*

Finnis, *Moral, Political, and Legal Theory*

Lonergan, *Insight*

MacIntyre, *After Virtue* or *Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry*

Simon, *Philosophy of Democratic Government*

PROCEDURE FOR THE PHD DISSERTATION

1. Qualification for the Writing of the Doctoral Dissertation

To qualify for the writing of a doctoral dissertation, a student enrolled in the Center’s program must complete all course work, language requirements, and the PhD Comprehensive Exam. In addition, the student must have settled upon a director of the dissertation who has agreed to this

role. Normally the director will be a member of the Center faculty. In extraordinary cases, with the approval of the Director of the Center for Thomistic Studies, a student may have an external director, or co-directors at least one of whom is a Center faculty member. When a student has completed all the above qualifications and settled upon a dissertation director, that director will so inform the Center Director who will then confirm the choice and formally notify the student in writing that he or she is a “candidate for the writing of a doctoral dissertation.”

2. The Dissertation Proposal

Once approved as a candidate for the writing of a doctoral dissertation, the student, in consultation with the dissertation director, prepares a preliminary title and written proposal for research on the topic of the dissertation. This proposal is to include (1) a discussion of relevant literature on the topic, both primary and secondary, (2) an explanation of the approach to that topic proposed by the student, (3) an outline of how the topic will be developed in the main chapters of the dissertation, and (4) a preliminary bibliography. This proposal will be in the range of 10-20 pages. Students preparing a dissertation proposal should register for **PHIL 5605: Doctoral Exam Preparation**. When the dissertation proposal has been completed to the satisfaction of the dissertation director, the student will provide the dissertation director with three copies of the proposal. The director will give two of these copies to the Center Director together with a request that a dissertation board be appointed.

3. The Dissertation Board

In consultation with the student and the dissertation director, the Director of the Center will appoint two members of the Center faculty to serve as a dissertation board under the chairmanship of the dissertation director. Upon appointment to the dissertation board, each member appointed will receive from the Center Director a copy of the dissertation proposal. Normally, this board will review the dissertation proposal and later act as readers of the completed dissertation.

4. Review of the Dissertation Proposal

From the date of the completion of appointments to the dissertation board, the board will be given up to two weeks to read the proposal. During this time the student is encouraged to meet with each member of the dissertation board in order to discover and to remedy any deficiencies individual dissertation board members may find in the proposal prior to the formal dissertation proposal review. At the end of the two-week review period, the Center Director sets a time for the formal Dissertation Proposal Review. This formal review will be an oral interview of the candidate by the dissertation board, in which the candidate answers questions about the dissertation proposal by all three members of the dissertation board. They in turn give their advice and recommendations about the proposed dissertation. This review shall last no more than one hour, at the end of which the members of the board will vote on the proposal. Approval of the dissertation proposal must be unanimous. If any member disapproves, the student will revise the proposal and undertake a second review. If the second review is rejected by two or three members of the board, the student must develop a different dissertation proposal. If only one member disapproves, the student may request that the Director of the Center replace the member who has rejected the proposal with another member of the Center faculty, who then evaluates the proposal and reports the results of his evaluation to the dissertation director for appropriate action. Once the dissertation director has informed the Director of the Center that a three-member dissertation board has approved the dissertation proposal, the Director of the Center will notify the student in writing that he or she is officially qualified to begin writing a PhD dissertation.

5. Writing of the Dissertation

Dissertations are to be written in accordance with the Center Style Sheet. Beginning with the date of the official notice of the dissertation proposal approval by the Center Director, the candidate has five years within which to complete the dissertation text. At the discretion of the dissertation director, the student can be given a one-year extension of this time limit. Any additional extension can only be given by the Center Director upon the recommendation of the dissertation director.

6. Evaluation of the Dissertation by the Dissertation Board

When the dissertation is completed to the satisfaction of the dissertation director, the student will submit the approved text in triplicate to the director. At this point, the dissertation director will distribute a copy to the other members of the dissertation board and notify the Center Director in writing that this has been done. From the date of the formal notification to the Center Director, the members of the dissertation board have five weeks to read the dissertation in full. The Center Director will then call a meeting of the dissertation board and the student so that the board may either suggest revisions or approve the dissertation be sent to the external examiner. Ordinarily the student will revise the text to the satisfaction of the board before the dissertation is sent to the external examiner. In the extraordinary case that one member of the board rejects the text, and good faith efforts on the part of the candidate to meet his or her objections fail, the student may ask, through the dissertation director, that the Director of the Center appoint a fourth reader. If the fourth reader approves the dissertation for defense, that reader will replace the dissenting reader on the dissertation board and the thesis will go forward to defense. Unanimous approval to go to defense--from either the original or revised board--is required before the dissertation can proceed to defense.

7. The External Examiner

Once approved by the dissertation board, the Director of the Center, in consultation with the dissertation director, will appoint an external examiner, knowledgeable in the field of the dissertation, from outside the Center and the University of St. Thomas. The external examiner will read the dissertation and submit a brief written report. If the examiner finds the dissertation worthy of going to oral defense, it will. If the examiner does not, the student will amend the dissertation and it will be resubmitted to the examiner. If good faith efforts at emendation fail, then the Director of the Center will appoint a second external examiner, whose decision about whether or not the dissertation can go to defense will be final.

8. Public Defense of the Dissertation

Public and oral defense of the dissertation is the only method for formal, final approval of the doctoral dissertation and the granting of the degree. When the dissertation has been approved by the dissertation board, three copies of the text as approved (i.e., containing any revisions required by the dissertation board) are submitted to the Center Director, who then appoints an examination board and sets the time of the public defense. The examination board consists of at least six members: the three members of the dissertation board which approved the dissertation going to defense; at least two other voting members appointed by the Director of the Center; and a non-voting president of the examination board. One of the voting members of the examination board will be the external examiner. At the time and place appointed by the Center Director, the defense of the dissertation will begin with the external reader presenting his report to the examination board in closed session. Then the public examination will begin. It will take not less than one hour, and not more than two hours. At the conclusion of the defense, the examination board will thank the student and go into closed session for discussion and vote. A majority vote in favor will constitute a pass. By majority vote, the examination board may recommend or

require changes in the written dissertation which must be made before the PhD degree is awarded. In the event that the dissertation is failed, a further vote to prorogue the dissertation will be taken. A majority vote to prorogue directs the candidate to make whatever adjustments are necessary, according to the directions set out by the examination board. A prorogued dissertation must be defended within one year. If there is a majority vote against proroguing the dissertation, it is failed with no possibility of resubmission.



COURSE LOAD AND GRADES

The unit of measurement for courses is the credit hour, which corresponds to a fifty-minute period per week during a fourteen-week semester. A nine credit-hour load of courses is considered full-time. A six credit-hour load of thesis or dissertation direction is also considered full-time. The list below indicates the grades that are used and the grade points which are assigned to them in calculating the grade point average.

A = 4.0 B+ = 3.3 B- = 2.7 C = 2.0
A- = 3.7 B = 3.0 C+ = 2.3 F = 0.0

COURSES

The following is a list of courses offered since 2006:

- 5302 - American Philosophy: Peirce, James, Dewey
- 5304 - Thomistic Metaphysics
- 5305 - Philosophy of Religion: Faith & Reason
- 5309 - Life & Works of Thomas Aquinas
- 5312 - Philosophy of Natural Law
- 5314 - Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature
- 5317 - Philosophy Of Nature
- 5319 - The Political and Legal Theory of St. Thomas Aquinas
- 5320 - Aristotle's Posterior Analytics
- 5322 - Islamic Background to Thomistic Philosophy
- 5329 - Analytical Thomism
- 5334 - Contemporary Logic

5335 - Aquinas' Polemical Writings
5338 - Introduction to Thomistic Ethics
5341 - Theory of Human Action
5344 - The Virtues
5345 - Bioethics
5348 - Philosophy of Religion: Existence of God
5357 - Metaphysics: Aristotle & His Predecessors
5359 - Philosophical Latin
5362 - Aquinas: The Problem of Evil
5366 - Modern Moral Philosophy
5370 - Tolerance & Hospitality
5379 - Evil
5390 - Introduction to Latin Philosophical Paleography
5393 - Contemporary Thomism
6393 - ST: Augustine & Aquinas
6393 - ST: Essence & Existence in Aquinas & His Commentators
6393 - ST: Edith Stein

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE

Students of the Center who wish to teach at a university or college after they receive their doctorate have available the University's Career Services and Testing Office located in Crooker Center. This service is designed to afford students assistance in assembling their dossiers and in mailing them to prospective employers. All the members of the Center, and especially the Director, also commit themselves to helping students find positions in academia through their contacts with colleagues in the field.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The students at the Center have access to two libraries at the University. Doherty Library houses the main University library collection. In addition, books at the Cardinal Beran Library of the University's School of Theology are available by loan at the main desk of Doherty Library. The Cardinal Beran Library is housed at St. Mary's Seminary, located on Memorial Drive. Books of both libraries are listed in the Doherty Library catalog. The philosophy collection in the Doherty Library numbers 25,000 volumes, over 11,000 of which are housed in the Hugh Roy Marshall Graduate Philosophy Library. These libraries have extensive on-line resources, including journals and databases. Books may also be obtained on inter-library loan. Students and faculty have exclusive use of the reading room, located on the second floor of Doherty Library. Students may make use of other university libraries nearby, particularly that of Rice University, which also offers a doctoral program in philosophy.

OTHER FACILITIES

The Center is housed in Sullivan Hall at 4218 Yoakum, which contains faculty offices and a seminar room. The University computer lab is available to students of the Center. The University also provides a cafeteria, bookstore, an Office of Student Affairs, and the Office of Campus Ministry. The Eucharist is celebrated daily at the University's Chapel of St. Basil.

There is also a gymnasium for intramural sports and facilities for individual sports such as swimming, racquetball, tennis and weightlifting. There are various venues for University musical and theatrical performances. The University offers a number of health services free of charge.

RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Opportunities for residing on campus are available but limited. Students interested in such opportunities are advised to contact the Director of Residence Life at: residencelife@stthom.edu or go on-line to:

http://www.stthom.edu/Campus_Student_Life/Housing_Dining/On_Campus_Housing/How_To_Apply.aqf

COLLOQUIUM

The Center colloquium takes place on a weekly basis during the academic year. It consists of a short paper and a discussion, presented by a member of the faculty, a visiting lecturer, or a student. Each doctoral candidate is expected to present at least one colloquium during his or her program. Full-time students of the Center are expected to attend the colloquium.



THE AQUINAS LECTURE

Each year, usually in the spring semester, a distinguished scholar is asked to give a lecture on some aspect of the Thomistic tradition. The list of past Aquinas lecturers is as follows:

- 2013 Rev. Kevin L. Flannery, SJ – "The Capacious Mind of St. Thomas Aquinas"
2012 Dr. Matthew Levering – "Romans 1:20 and Our Natural Knowledge of God"
2011 Dr. Peter Kreeft – "*Thomist Personalism: A Marriage Made in Heaven, Hell, or Harvard?*"
2010 Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB – "*The Church's 'Common Doctor': Thomas Aquinas and the Contemporary Catholic University*"
2009 Fr. Leo Elders, SVD – "*The Ripest Fruit: Aquinas as Commentator on the Letters of St. Paul*"
2008 Msgr. John Wipple – "*Thomas Aquinas and the Controversy Concerning Unity of Substantial Form in Human Beings*"
2007 Prof. John Rist – "*Practical Reasoning after the 'Fall'*"
2006 Avery Cardinal Dulles – "*The Apologetics of St. Thomas Aquinas*"
2005 Dr. Germain Grisez – "*The Restless Heart Blunder*"
2004 Dr. Kenneth Schmitz – "*The Texture of Being: Paths of Action, Compass of Discourse*"
2003 Dr. Janet Smith – "*Why Aquinas Thinks Natural Sex Is Best*"
2002 Dr. Alasdair MacIntyre – "*Agents, Actions, and the Ultimate Human End*"
2001 Rev. Mauricio Beuchot, OP – "*Thomism in Early Colonial Philosophy in Mexico*"
2000 Dr. Robert Wood – "*What Sensations Won't Tell You about Individuals: Reflections on Capacity*"
1999 Rev. Romanus Cessario, OP – "*Christian Freedom and Compulsive Behavior*"
1998 Rev. Leo Sweeney, SJ – "*Augustine, Abelard, Aquinas, and the Problem of Evil*"
1997 Rev. Brian Davies, OP – "*Aquinas, God and Being*"
1996 Rev. William A. Wallace, OP – "*The Modeling of Nature*"
1995 Dr. Michael Novak – "*Thomas Aquinas: Harsh Teachings on Heretics*"
1994 Dr. Peter Kreeft – "*The Abolition of Natural Law from the Human Heart*"
1993 Dr. Mary Rousseau – "*Thomistic Personalism and Today's Families*"
1992 Dr. Peter Geach – "*Knowledge, Belief, Certainty and Testimony*"
1992 Dr. Elizabeth Anscombe – "*Practical Truth*"
1991 Dr. Ralph McInerny – "*The Pagan Basis for the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas?*"
1990 Dr. Paul Sigmund – "*The Contemporary Relevance of the Social Thought of Aquinas in Europe and Latin America*"
1989 Dr. Thomas Sullivan – "*A Major Problem about Religious Belief*"
1988 Rev. Albert Moraczewski, OP – "*Contemporary Scientists*"
1987 Rev. Benedict M. Ashley, OP – "*Aquinas and the Theology of the Body*"
1986 Msgr. Edward A. Synan – "*St. Thomas Aquinas: His Good Life and Hard Times*"
1985 Dr. Francis J. Kovach – "*Aquinas and Action at a Distance: An Historical-Critical Analysis*"
1984 Rev. Robert J. Henle, SJ – "*St. Thomas and American Law*"
1983 Dr. Vernon J. Bourke – "*Voluntariness and the Insanity Plea*"
1982 Rev. Joseph Owens, CSsR – "*Aquinas and Ideology*"
1981 Dr. Henry Veatch – "*Toward a Christian Philosophy of the Humanities*"



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