Semester: Spring 2015  
Instructor: Jenny McConnell  
Course: Cu 2206 AU  
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Class Time: Saturdays  
   January 17 & 31; February 14 & 28  
   9 am – 4 pm

Course Description:  
This course explores the possibility and fact of revelation in Israel and Christ; its mediation in Scripture (inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, and exegesis) and tradition; its reception in faith and expression in doctrine; faith and reason; the method and tasks of theology; and the role and importance of religious experience and of the teaching office of the Church. (UST Catalogue)

Required Texts:  
The assigned readings will come from the following required textbooks and Church documents online:  

   Rethinking Fundamental Theology: Toward a New Fundamental Theology Gerald O’Collins, S.J.

Reference:  

   Bible, New American or RSV

   Vatican II Documents (as assigned)

Course Requirements:  
Class Attendance: Regular class attendance is expected. More than three absences, without the consent of the instructor, will cost one-half of the grade point.

Course Work:  
Examinations: There will be a take home midterm exam and a final exam. The exam will include a reflection question.

Group Discussion, Presentation: There will be work done within the class time.

Reading Questions: There will be questions on selected readings

Grading Scale: Your final grade will be determined as follows.

   Breakdown of Grade:
   Midterm Examination and  
   Final Examination (Reflection component included) 90%
   Attendance/Participation/Group Work 10%

   A = 93-100; A- = 90-92; B+ = 87-89; B = 83-86; B- = 80-82; C+ = 77-79; C = 73-76;  
   C- = 70-72; D+ = 67-69; D = 60-66; F = 59 and below

Withdrawal from Class: Refer to the schedule set by the Registrar.
Reading Assignments:

**Legend:** Note the following abbre/s;viations will be used to designate the specified text.

- The Essential Catholic Catechism: ECC (Page numbers)
- Catechism of the Catholic Church: CCC (Paragraph numbers)
- Vatican II Documents: VC (Page numbers, Paragraph numbers)

Class One: Saturday, January 17, 2015

**Topics:**

- Course Overview
- Origins of Fundamental Theology
- Revelation and Faith
- Existence and the belief in a Personal God:
  - The Lord God and His Attributes
  - How do we come to know of God?
- Human Condition

O'Collins, Chapters 1-3

- 1 Jn 4:7-21
- Gn 1:1-2:25
- Mt 11:25-30
- Rom 1:18-23
- Heb 1:1-4

**Reference:**

- CCC 26-64, 50-100, 198-231, 267-314, 315-54

VC Dogmatic *Constitution on Divine Revelation*

Class Two: Saturday, January 31, 2015

**Topics:**

- God's Self-Revelation in History
- Incarnation, Jesus Christ; True God and True Man
- Public Ministry of Jesus
- Paschal Ministry: Passion and Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus
- Three Distinct Persons in One Divine Nature

O'Collins, Chapters 4-7

- Mk 1:1-34
- Jn 1:34 – 2:12
- Mk 14:43 – 15:47
- Jn 20:1-31
- 1 Cor 15:3-8
- Phil 2:5-11
- Mt 28:19-20
- 1 Co 12:4-11

**Reference:**

- CCC 238 – 267
- 422-86
- 512-667

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Class Three: Saturday, February 14, 2015

Topics: Mediating Revelation: Scripture and Tradition
The Church's Teaching Authority
Tradition, Canonicity, Inerrancy, Inspiration

O'Collins, Chapters 8-10

2 Thes 2:13-17  2 Tm 3:14-17  Mt 28:16-20  Jn 16:1-15

Reference:
CCC 101-141, 748-870

VC Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation

Class Four: Saturday, February 28, 2015

Topics: Four Mark of the Catholic Church
Catholic Church Structure: Ministry of the Pope and Bishops;
Ecumenical Efforts
Death, Judgment, Eternal Life and the End of the World

O'Collins, Chapters 11-13

Mt 16:13-20  Mt 28:16-20  Lk 22:32-33
Jn 20:19-23  Jn 21:15-23  Jn 17:21-26

Reference:
CCC 748-813; 813-897; 946-62

VC Ecumenism 452-70 (#1-24)
VC Catholic Eastern Churches 441-52 (#1-30)
VC Non-Christian Religions 738-43 (#1-5)