COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Building on the achievements of the course in Thomistic anthropology, this course highlights the human person as agent, as moving toward 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 theologae.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
Jensen, Steven. Knowing the Natural Law. The Catholic University of America Press. 2015.

MISSED EXAMS:
Missed exams will receive a zero, except in cases of emergency. Students wishing to reschedule exams must contact me prior to the date of the exam.

CHEATING:
Students who cheat on an exam and students who plagiarize on a paper will fail the course.

DISABILITY:
If you have any disability for which accommodation may be requested, please contact Counseling Services/Disability Services, located on the second floor of Crooker Center at (713) 525-6953 or (713) 525-3162.

GRADE ASSESSMENT:
Students’ grades will consist of 215 points, broken down into the following elements:

- 1 test . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 pts.
- 1 paper . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100 pts.
- 3 presentations . . . . . . . 15 pts.

These values may change slightly. Grades will then be determined by the following percentile curve: 100-93.3 A; 93.3-90 A-; 90 -86.7 B+; 86.7-83.3 B; 83.3-80 B-; 80- 76.7 C+; 76.7-73.3 C; 73.3-70 C-; 70-60 D; 60 -0 F.

PRESENTATIONS:
Student presentations will involve an analysis of the text for a given day. Students must turn in a two to three page analysis of the reading and present an analysis to the entire class. I will assign specific students to specific days.

Paper topics, with outline, due: March 9
Papers due: April 20
Final exam: oral by appointment
CLASS OUTLINE:

I. Final end
   A. I-II q. 1
      2. Jensen, "Venial Sin and the Ultimate End."
   B. I-II q. 2, a. 8
   C. I-II q. 3, aa. 1, 6, 8

II. Law
   A. I-II q. 90
   B. Jensen, KNL, chapter 1
   C. I-II q. 91, a. 1-3
   D. I-II q. 94
   E. Jensen, KNL, chapter 2
   F. Jensen, KNL, chapter 3
   G. Jensen, KNL, chapter 4
   H. Jensen, KNL, chapter 5
   I. Jensen, KNL, chapter 6
   J. Jensen, KNL, chapter 7
   K. Jensen, KNL, chapter 8
   L. Jensen, KNL, chapter 9
   M. Jensen, KNL, chapter 10
   N. I-II q. 95, a. 1
   O. I-II q. 96
   P. I-II q. 97, a. 1-2
   Q. I-II q. 100, a. 8

III. Will
   A. voluntary
      1. I-II q. 6
      2. I-II q. 7, a. 1
      3. I-II q. 9, a. 1-3
   B. intention
      1. I-II q. 12, a. 1-4
      2. I-II q. 13, a. 6
      3. Hause, "Thomas Aquinas and the Voluntarists."
      4. Jensen, "Free Decision."

IV. Good and evil of actions
   A. I-II q. 7, a. 1, 3, 4.
   B. I-II q. 18
   C. I-II q. 19, a. 9-10
   D. Tollefsen, "Response to Robert Koons and Matthew O'Brien"
   E. Jensen, "Causal Constraints on Intention."

V. Passions
   A. I q. 81
   B. I-II q. 17, a. 7
   C. Butera, "On Reason’s Control of the Passions in Aquinas’s Theory of Temperance."
   D. I-II q. 24
   E. I-II q. 26
   F. I-II q. 27, a. 3
   G. I-II q. 31, a. 7

VI. After Virtue
   A. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 1-2
   B. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 3
   C. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 4
   D. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 5
   E. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 6
   F. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 7
   G. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 8
   H. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 9

VII. Virtue
   A. I-II q. 60
   B. I-II q. 65, a. 1-2
   C. Osborne, "Perfect and Imperfect Virtues in Aquinas."
   D. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 10
   E. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 11
   F. MacIntyre, After Virtue, chapter 12

VIII. Sin
   A. I-II q. 71, a. 5
   B. Causes
      1. I-II q. 76, a. 1
      2. I-II q. 77, a. 1-2
      3. Jensen, "The Error of the Passions."
      4. I-II q. 78, a. 1