

## Faculty of Theology



### THEO1202 **Patristics**

[45h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2006-2007, 2008-2009,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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**Language:** French  
**Level:** First cycle

#### **Aims**

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- situate (geographically and chronologically) the main Fathers of the Church and their works;
- emphasise the theological content of selected patristic texts;
- use the basic tools for the field.

#### **Main themes**

The life and works of the main Church Fathers are studied, and patristic texts (in Greek and Latin) of interest for theological reflection are read. A practical initiation is given to the tools: encyclopaedia, handbooks, atlas and clavis.

#### **Content and teaching methods**

The main figures and most representative Opera of the patristic period are chronologically presented. The texts of the 2 first centuries are examined according to the literary genres, with special attention on the apocryphal writings. From the 3rd century on, a whole chapter is devoted to each important author, his life, his works, his thought... Important extracts of patristic writings are given in translation, according to a reading and exercises programme.

#### **Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)**

Prerequisite : useful, but not essential: Introduction to the history - module "Panorama of history of the Church - THEO 1130 A".

#### **Other credits in programs**

<b>HIST13BA</b>	Troisième année de bachelier en histoire	(3 credits)
<b>HORI2BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(4 credits)
<b>HORI3BA</b>	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(4 credits)