

Faculty of Theology



THEO3622 History of Theology in the Middle Ages

[30h] 2 credits

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

This course is taught in the 1st semester

Teacher(s): Jean-Michel Counet
Language: French
Level: Third cycle

Aims

History of Theology in the Middle Ages

By the end of this course, the student should be able to differentiate the various types of theology practiced in the Middle Ages, as to their methods, sources, literary genres, and historical, cultural and institutional contexts. He/she should be able to use some working instruments of the discipline and do in-depth, personal research into a particular point of the course.

Main themes

The course attempts to present the principal axes of monastic theology and scholastic theology. Its origins are studied in Anselm of Canterbury, Abelard and his school, the Victorines and the Chartraines, before moving on to some great syntheses, like those of Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure and Duns Scotus. The course also dwells on late scholasticism and deviant theological doctrines: Cathars, Vaudois, etc.

Content and teaching methods

To present the methods, sources and literary genres of various theologies, a particular theme is chosen. This theme varies from year to year: creation, exegesis, the science of Christ, etc.

General considerations are illustrated by texts of theologians representative of the currents considered, texts that are reviewed and analysed in the course.

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

Evaluation: Oral examination with one prepared question

Material: Class notes, bibliography and texts

Programmes in which this activity is taught

ELAT9CE	Certificat universitaire en langue, littérature et civilisation latines
ISLE3DA/ME	Diplôme d'études approfondies en philosophie et lettres (médiévisique)
ISP20	Licence à durée réduite en philosophie
ISP20/A	Licence à durée réduite en philosophie (A)
THEO3DA	Diplôme d'études approfondies en théologie

Other credits in programs

ISP22	Deuxième licence en philosophie	(2 credits)
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