

## Faculty of Theology



### THEO1231 Christian Initiation I: Baptism and Confirmation

[30h] 3 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Language: French

Level: First cycle

#### Aims

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

- use the major sources and tools for baptism and confirmation;
- set these sacraments in a theological context within the initiation to the Christian and church life and within the structure of the Church as the Body of Christ.

#### Main themes

To meet these objectives, the course involves the following:

- the first part is positive: from biblical documents and Christian tradition to Vatican II rituals and ecumenical agreements, the 4th book of Canon Law; the Christian rites of initiation in comparison with other initiations.
- the second part is systematic:
  - (1) The baptism as entrance into the church, the Trinitarian communion and the sacrament of faith;
  - (2) The specific contribution of confirmation to Christian initiation;
  - (3) The ethical dimension of the baptismal life.

#### Content and teaching methods

This lecture is about the sacraments of Christian initiation: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist. Going through the biblical, historical, liturgical and canonical sources, it describes how these sacraments make the Christian and build the Church as Body of Christ.

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

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