

ML4501 THEOLOGY (SEMINARIAL COURSE)

1. language

English.

2. course contents

Coordinator: Prof. Rodrigo Serrano, L.C.

Year Course: 4th

Semester: First /Second

3. bibliography

The Encyclicals of Benedict XVI, *Pope Benedict XVI*

Deus Caritas Est

Spe Salvi

Caritas in Veritate

4. learning objectives

Conoscenza e capacità di comprensione/Knowledge and understanding – The seminarial course, being the final step of the the theology lectures, intends reflecting on some concrete aspects of life from a theological point of view.

Conoscenza e capacità di comprensione applicate/Applying knowledge and understanding – Students will have to reflect on concrete life situation as illuminated by the theological principles acquired during the last three years.

5. PREREQUISITES

On the basis of the knowledge acquired in the previous modules, students will dialogue with a Pope Benedict XVI fundamental texts. Students will be assigned particular chapters and should be able to understand and present in class an actualization of the themes.

6. teaching methods

The course being a “seminarial course” demands active participation from the students who will be divided in groups that will work on selected chapters of Pope’s Encyclicals. The organized groups have the creative liberty of presenting the theme which should be done in English in a time span between 30 and 45 minutes.

Conoscenza e capacità di comprensione/Knowledge and understanding – The arguments that will be considered vary from theoretical and practical questions, students are highly encouraged to integrate the reflections of Pope Benedict XVI with their academic and medical experience, giving thus not a simple presentation, but an enriched reflection.

Conoscenza e capacità di comprensione applicate/Applying knowledge and understanding – The field of application is inspired time after time to the concrete themes provoked by the Encyclicals. Students who have the duty of presenting the theme should be able to present to their colleagues the elements for a debate.

Autonomia di giudizio/Making judgements – Given the nature of the arguments, students will have a margin for giving their own vision and judgement, having previously given proof of their understanding of the arguments exposed.

Abilità comunicative/Communication skills – Students will be tutored in the responsibility of animating a group discussion.

7. other informations

Students who have any trouble following the lectures have to get in touch personally with the coordinating professor to agree about the integrative materials and possible solutions. The classes will be offered intensively in October, November, January, February and March, according with the University program.

8. methods for verifying learning and for evaluation

The final evaluation will be based on three criteria:

40 %: the group presentation

40 %: a 4-5 pages paper about one theme taken from one of the three Encyclicals and selected by the student. The criterion of evaluation will be the effective comprehension of the theme treated, with a margin for a concluding paragraph that expresses the student's opinion.

20 %: active participation in the lectures.

9. program

The seminarial work is totally based on the structure of the three Encyclicals of Pope Benedict XVI