

# Grace

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The course examines the Roman Catholic understanding of the human person and its relationship to God. The major issues in God's interaction with humanity in grace will be considered. A historical approach will allow the various dimensions to emerge in their historical context and thus linked to other ages and to the questions of today. Each student is responsible for attending class, reading the assigned materials on time, and participating in the discussion. There will be an exam at the end of the course. Students are also encouraged to explore the issues of the course in supplementary reading.

## **10 October**

1. Introduction, biblical background, basic terms

## **17 October**

2. Humans and Creation

## **24 October**

3. Sin and its effects

## **21 November**

4. Sin and its effects: Augustine and Pelagius

## **5 December**

5. Justification and Redemption: Thomas Aquinas

## **12 December**

6. Justification and Redemption: Protestant perspectives

## **9 January (session 1)**

7. Sanctification: Growth in holiness

## **9 January (session 2)**

8. Sanctification: Predestination and free will

## **16 January (session 1)**

9. Grace and the person: 20th century perspectives

## **16 January (session 2)**

10. Grace and society: Liberation perspectives

## **23 January (session 1)**

11. Our Goal

## **23 January (session 2)**

12. Overview

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