

New Course Offerings for Spring 2010

RST 461 Biblical Greek

This is a new course that seeks to acquaint students with the distinctive (and fortunately easy) Greek of the Christian New Testament. No prior knowledge of Greek or of the New Testament is presupposed. We will begin at the beginning with the alphabet and how to write it. Our approach will, in part, be inductive. This means that after only a few classes we will start reading St. John's Gospel and then learn the Greek we need to understand the gospel text. In addition to the language, we will give attention to the following: 1) Key Biblical concepts expressed in Greek, 2) Theological issues that arise because of the use of the Greek language, 3) How to work with reference books that assist the study of the Greek New Testament (for example, Kittel).. A small hard copy textbook and a variety of on-line resources will be used.

RST 361 Pastoral Practicum

This new course is a "service learning" opportunity designed primarily for persons planning a career in professions that "minister" to the public, e.g., theology majors, social science majors, health profession, etc. Limited to an enrollment of 10, it will consist of students doing "pastoral" work each week in places like the Catholic Neighborhood Center and campus ministry. Readings related to pastoral ministry will supplement weekly, one-on-one meetings with the instructor as students reflect upon their experience of "ministry." Listed as taking place on Tuesday and Thursday at 3, this course will not, as a rule, meet at those times. Periodic "class" meetings will take place so that all involved can report their experience to, and learn from, one another.