



B. A. (Hons) Theology Part-Time Year II

List of titles for Theology Paper (THL2003)

The Theology Paper is to be handed in not later than four weeks following the end of the lectures of the second semester of academic year.

2,000 – 3,000 words: *Contact respective tutor before beginning research and writing.*

1. An analysis of the role of the priesthood or the prophets or the wise men in biblical Israel (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
2. An analysis of one of the major figures of the Old Testament, such as Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David or Solomon, with due regard to their historical and theological significance (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
3. The concept of covenant in the Old Testament (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
4. Sanctuaries and temples in the Old Testament (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
5. The theological significance of a major Old Testament event such as the institution of the priesthood, the Exodus, entry into the Promised Land, the Babylonian Exile, or the Return (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
6. Major characteristics of God in the Old Testament as revealed gradually throughout the history of Israel (*Rev. Prof. Stefan M. Attard*)
7. The Christology of the Gospel of John (*Rev. Prof. Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
8. The role of symbolism in the Gospel of John (*Rev. Prof. Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
9. The choice of the seven signs in the Fourth Gospel. How do they function with the purpose of this narrative? (*Rev. Prof. Martin Micallef ofmcap*)
10. Zionism and the secularisation of the beliefs in the Messiah, Messianic Age and the Immortality of the Soul in Contemporary Judaism (*Rev. Dr Marcello Ghirlando ofm*)
11. Vatican II and its Reception in the Maltese Islands. (*Professor John Berry*)
12. Rediscovering the Church with a Human Face. (*Professor John Berry*)
13. A Living Faith: A Comparative Study among Major Theologians (*Professor John Berry*)
14. The Church in the Writings of Pope Benedict XVI (*Professor John Berry*)

15. Hans Urs von Balthasar and Karl Rahner on God's Self-Gift (Revelation) or Christ's Death (Soteriology) (*Professor John Berry*)
16. The Christian's Disturbing Freshness in Today's World (*Professor John Berry*)
17. Living Faith in the Thought of Yves Congar (*Professor John Berry*)
18. Interiority, Mysticism and Daily Life: A Theological Investigation (*Professor John Berry*)
19. Risking the Church: The Steps Ahead (*Professor John Berry*)
20. What is so Fundamental about Theology? (*Professor John Berry*)
21. Like an Aeolian Harp upon Which the Spirit of God Blows. Ecclesiology and Pneumatology (*Professor John Berry*)
22. Sketches of a Local Theology (*Professor John Berry*)
23. Retrieving the Transcendentals: Good, Truth and Beauty in the Theologies of Augustine, Aquinas and Hans Urs von Balthasar (*Professor John Berry*)
24. A Faith that Matters: The Christian in the Writings of C.S. Lewis (*Professor John Berry*)
25. Christ and Sinners. A Theological Reflection on Friendship and Healing (*Professor John Berry*)
26. The influence of personalism on the theology of marriage (*Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Agius*)
27. Responsible parenthood and the advantages and disadvantages of Natural Family Planning (*Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Agius*)
28. Reform in Moral Theology: "from confessing sins to liberating consciences" (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
29. The virtues in political and moral life (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
30. Pope Francis and formation in the Christian life (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
31. Evangelization in a digital age (*Professor Nadia Delicata*)
32. Christian life as a response to God's call to a life of communion (*Rev. Dr Carlo Calleja*)
33. The Eucharist and Daily Life in the Church Fathers: Themes and Exhortations to the Faithful (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
34. The Debate on the Sacrament of Confirmation: A Sacrament of Initiation or a Sacrament of Christian Maturity? (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
35. Ecumenical Dialogue in the Thought of Pope Francis (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)

36. The Role of the Laity in the Homilies of Pope Benedict XVI (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
37. A Christian Theology of the Afterlife in Maltese Poetry: A Selection (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
38. The Vision of the Church in the Pastoral Synod of the Archdiocese of Malta (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
39. Aspects of the Maltese Pastoral Synod and the Thought of Pope Francis: Convergency and Confluence (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
40. The Theology of Beauty in Hans Urs von Balthasar (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)
41. Pneumatology in the Eastern Church Fathers (*Rev. Prof. Hector Scerri*)

Updated 8 October 2024