

Module Title:	Mariology and Eschatology
Module Code:	415 TMES
Level:	4
Credit Rating:	20 Credits
Duration:	Student Learning Time: 200 hours
Teaching Hours:	40 Hours
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Module Aims:

The module is divided into two parts. The first part aims:

To provide the student with a basic understanding of the Roman Catholic perception of the role of Mary as a 'type' of the Church and eschatological 'sign'.

The second part aims:

To introduce the student to fundamental Christian/Roman Catholic doctrines of the Parousia, Judgement, the Communion of Saints and Heaven, Hell and Purgatory

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the module the students should be able to:

1. Articulate a general understanding of the theological concerns pertaining to Mariology and Eschatology extending from a Roman Catholic exegetical analysis, relevant patristic and medieval sources, to the modern era.
2. Become acquainted with the inter-related nature of the distinct theological disciplines of Mariology and Eschatology within the Roman Catholic tradition.
3. Acquire an understanding of the basic tenets of a dogmatic Roman Catholic view of Mariology and Eschatology with a grasp of the relationship between the two theological disciplines extending from scriptural foundations to documents of the Second Vatican Council and modern Catholic Catechism.

Indicative Module Content:

Within the context of the two separate, but inter-related parts, the module will examine basic theological themes pertaining to the person and role of Mary and of the Last Things:

Mariology

- Biblical sources for a Roman Catholic understanding of the person and role of Mary inclusive of:
 - Mary as the 'New Eve' in relation to Jesus as the 'New Adam'.
 - The Passion in the 4th Gospel and the 'woman clothed with the sun' as representative of Mary as a type of the Church.
 - The notion of the Church/people of God/Mary as 'spouse' within the exegetical context of the Old and New Testaments with subsidiary exegesis of the patristic period.
 - Specific Roman Catholic doctrines of Mary with emphasis on:
 - the Immaculate Conception (as a pre-figuration of human redemption)
 - the Assumption (as a pre-figuration of the Resurrection)
 - Mediatrix of Grace (as a 'type' of the Church; 'body of Christ' and 'primary sacrament')

II: Eschatology

- An introductory analysis of the 'linear and ethical' nature of Western eschatology within the context of Creation and the Fall extending to the Parousia. This finds its focus in the Christian notion of Salvation History and includes a discussion of the problematic nature of dualism within Christian theology/spirituality.
- A Roman Catholic understanding of the Parousia and Judgement within the context described above.
- The impact of Greek philosophical suppositions on Christian eschatology with a particular emphasis on the contribution of Neo-Platonism and medieval applications.
- Analysis of the Roman Catholic ecclesial understanding of a tripartite unity of the Church comprising the 'communion of saints' on earth and in purgatory and heaven.

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

The basic format of presentation will be four weekly lectures systematically treating the subject matter as described in the Indicative Module Content. Students are given specific weekly reading assignments as well as directed toward extra-curricular reading proposed by the instructor. Research interests are quickly identified and tutorial sessions, depending on individual needs of the students, arranged for clarification and direction, inclusive of suggested extra-curricular reading. Within the classroom context of lectures, active participation of students in terms of questions and, especially, discussion is strongly encouraged as a primary way of developing analytical skills, critical thinking, and clarity of expression.

Assessment:

The module will be assessed by

- a written essay of not less than 2,500 words chosen from a small selection of questions proposed by the instructor (50%),
- and a written paper treating primary as well as secondary sources according to the research interests of the student and not exceeding 2,500 words (50%).

Indicative Essay Titles

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Illustrative Bibliography

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