

Spiritual Theology Concentration

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In the Spiritual Theology concentration, students explore the relationship of their lives in the world with their real life in God. In contrast to the humanistic search for personal transcendence that passes for “spirituality” today, Christian Spirituality is theological: it is founded on and inspired by the triune God revealed in Scripture and in Christ; it cultivates responsiveness to the seeking Father; it engages fully the mind, heart and body; it is, as William Perkins once said, “the science of living blessedly forever.” But it is not only a personal quest; spiritual theology involves active engagement with the world and the needs of others through mission, work, ministry and prayer.

Concentration Coordinator: Bruce Hindmarsh (on sabbatical Winter 2011)

Regular Faculty available to supervise in this area for 2010-2011: Bruce Hindmarsh (on sabbatical Winter 2011)

Other Approved Supervisors: Barbara Mutch (Carey), Gordon Smith, Paul Stevens

See the *Academic Catalogue* for specific information regarding program and concentration requirements for the MCS, MDiv and ThM programs. Note that a concentration is required for the MCS and the ThM; it is optional for the MDiv.

2010-2011 Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses:

Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Fall 2010:

APPL/HIST/SPIR 555 The Christian Pastor in Historical Perspective (Lewis)

HIST/SPIR 500 The Christian Spirit: A History of Christian Spirituality (B. Hindmarsh)

HIST/SPIR 772 Seminar: The Spiritual Theology of John Wesley and Jonathan Edwards (B. Hindmarsh)

INDS/SPIR 740 Seminar: Women’s Faith & Development (Mutch)

SPIR/THEO 628 The Meaning of the Sacraments (Smith)

SPIR 670 Classics of Christian Spirituality (B. Hindmarsh)

Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Winter 2011:

SPIR/THEO 635 Conversion & Transformation (Smith)

SPIR 746 Seminar: The Spiritual Writing of the Global South (Smith)

Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Spring & Summer Sessions 2011 (see Summer Term brochure for updates):

HIST/SPIR Spirituality in the Life and Thought of the Church Fathers (Hall)

SPIR 533 Spiritual Discernment (Smith)

SPIR Benedictine Spirituality for Protestants (Okholm)

SPIR Missional Spirituality (Ringma)