

## **20101 RGT 3571 H - Method in Theology**

### **Course Syllabus**

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### **Course Description**

Course examines Bernard Lonergan's *Method in Theology*.

### **Course Textbook**

Students may purchase *Method* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, latest reprint) at Crux Discount Theological Books, 5 Hoskin Avenue (in basement of Wycliffe College, 416-599-2749).

### **Class Preparation – Bulletin Board Participation**

- Each week, the chapter(s) of *Method* under consideration is (are) to be read and studied in preparation for class. Additional source and critical reading may also be indicated.
- Each week students are required to post one critical question about the assigned reading on the course bulletin board. Questions may be contextualized with short comments (less than 200 words). The questions must be posted by 5 pm on the Wednesday prior to class.
- All students are asked to review the current postings on the course bulletin board after the deadline for submission of questions and before class.
- The bulletin board post and response features may also be used by students for follow-up discussions of issues raised during the semester. Students may not post more than three messages per week on the bulletin board. The professor will participate regularly.
- The bulletin board may be accessed through the course Blackboard website (see instructions below).

### **Class Participation**

Attendance and active participation in all classes are required.

### **Short Weekly Writing Assignments**

For each class, all students will be responsible to prepare a one-page exploration of the critical question they have posed on the course bulletin board. These one-page papers should begin with a precise thesis statement of no more than 20 words, separated from the body of the paper. The short papers form the basis for class discussion and are submitted for evaluation at the end of each of each class.

Paper Guidelines: Papers should be type-written, doubled spaced, left-justified, and have one inch margins on all sides and no more than 12 characters per inch (ie, a standard font, size 10-12 is acceptable). Do not exceed the page limit. All sources must be documented in accord with accepted academic practice such as that described in Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 5th Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987. An excellent guide to style is presented in Joseph M. Williams, *Style: Toward Clarity and Grace*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990. For additional writing assistance, consult <http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/>

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference databases solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. The terms apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the

Turnitin.com web site. For more information, please see <http://www.utoronto.ca/ota/programmes.html>

### **Grading**

The semester score will be based on bulletin board participation (20%), class participation (10%), and 12 one-page papers (70%). All semester scores are subject to adjustment by the Dean.

### **Course Itinerary**

Week 1: Introduction, Method  
Week 2: The Human Good  
Week 3: Meaning  
Week 4: Religion  
Week 5: Functional Specialties, Research  
Reading Week  
Week 6: Interpretation  
Week 7: History; History and Historians  
Week 8: Dialectic  
Week 9: Foundations  
Week 10: Doctrines  
Week 11: Systematics, Communications

One additional class to be scheduled due to cancellation of last class for Good Friday.

### **Logging in to your Blackboard Course Website**

Like many other courses, RGT3571 uses Blackboard for its course website. To access the RGT3571 website, or any other Blackboard-based course website, go to the U of T portal login page at [portal.utoronto.ca](http://portal.utoronto.ca) and login using your UTORid and Password. Once you have logged in to the portal using your UTORid and Password, you'll find the link to RGT3571 course website along with the link to all your other Blackboard-based courses.

### **Activating your UTORid and Password**

If you need information on how to activate your UTORid and set your password for the first time, please go to [www.utorid.utoronto.ca](http://www.utorid.utoronto.ca). Under the "First Time Users" area, click on "activate your UTORid" if you are new to the University or "create your UTORid" if you are a returning student, then follow the instructions. New students who use the link to "activate your UTORid" will find reference to a "Secret Activation Key". This was originally issued to you when you picked up your T-card at the library. If you have lost your "Secret Activation Key" you can call 416-978-HELP or visit the Help Desk at the Information Commons on the ground floor of Robarts library to be issued a new one. **The course instructor will not be able to help you with this.** 416-978-HELP and the Help Desk at the information commons can also answer any other questions you may have about your UTORid and Password.

### **Email communication with the course Instructor**

At times, the course Instructor may decide to send out important course information via email. To that end, all UofT students are required to have a valid UofT email address. You are responsible for ensuring that your UofT email address is set up AND properly entered in the ROSI system. You can do that by using the following instructions:

To submit the information to activate your UTORid and Password (see above), you will need to click the "Validate" button. Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to receive your utoronto.ca address. Once you have your UofT email address go to the ROSI system, ([www.rosi.utoronto.ca](http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca)) log in and update the system with your new institutional email address.

You can **check your UofT email** account from either

1. The UofT home page <http://www.utoronto.ca/> (Choose “quick links” - choose “myutoronto.ca” - enter your UTORid and Password – choose “webmail”

Or

2. Via Outlook, Mozilla etc. Visit the helpdesk at the information commons for help with the set up.

**Forwarding** your utoronto.ca email to a hotmail, gmail, yahoo mail or other types of accounts is not advisable. In many cases, hotmail/gmail/yahoo automatically filters email from any utoronto.ca address into the junk mail folder. Therefore emails from your course instructor will end up in your junk mail folder.

You are responsible for:

1. Ensuring you have a valid UofT email address that is properly entered in the ROSI system
2. Checking your UofT email account on a regular basis.