

**Theology Department  
Courses for Majors and Minors  
Fall 2025**

**THEO 303-001: Formation of the Pentateuch**

**Wednesday 10:25 – 12:55**

**Dr. Tom Wetzel**

The Torah (often known as the Pentateuch in the Christian tradition) is the center around which all the rest of Scripture turns. The books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy are the opening section of the Jewish and the Christian Scriptures, but these books do much more than simply set the stage for the rest of the biblical traditions. Instead, the Torah offers the central lens through which the reader is called to view God's relationship to the created world and God's ongoing desire to restore all creation to its right order. Essential to this work of restoration is God's covenantal partnership with the people Israel. The Torah embodies the stories and practices that define the transforming encounter between God and Israel, an encounter that in turn transforms the world. Through close reading and attention to historical context, we will explore Torah together in this course, discovering its multiple voices and its challenges to both religious and secular assumptions of our world—and likewise discovering that the God of the Torah is mysterious, emotional, and unyielding in his desire to restore all things to their truest destiny.

**THEO 317-01E: Christian Thought: Ancient-Medieval**

**ENGAGED LEARNING COURSE**

**MWF 9:20 – 10:10 am**

**Dr. Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry**

Welcome to History of Christianity: Ancient to Medieval! The objective of this course is for you to characterize, evaluate, and contrast the development of the Christian religion in its first one-thousand years. You will read primary and secondary sources, as well as engage with material culture from the Art Institute of Chicago, Newberry Library, and LUC's own Rare Books Collection. The course is set up thematically in chronological order to survey consolidation of doctrines, cultural and linguistic expansions, concentration of religious and monastic networks, and the organization of scholastic educational systems. The story this course seeks to reveal is how the Christian religion defined mission, self, and others.

**THEO 366-001: Contemporary Islamic Thought and Movements**

**Tues-Thurs 8:30 – 9:45 am**

**Islamic Studies Faculty**

We are currently hiring a new faculty member in Islamic Studies. This course will be taught by the new faculty member and the subject matter will depend on their specific expertise.

**THEO 393-001: Seminar: Justice and Solidarity**  
**Tues-Thurs 10:00 am – 11:15 am**  
**Dr. Tisha Rajendra**

This seminar in social ethics explores accounts of justice and solidarity in theological and philosophical perspectives. Using case studies of economic injustice in the U.S. context, students will evaluate and critique liberal, communitarian, liberationist, African-American and Catholic theories of justice and solidarity. The course will give students the opportunity to examine applied issues of justice and solidarity such as immigration, climate change, and fair trade policy.

**THEO 308-001: Biblical Hebrew 1**  
**MWF 1:40 – 2:30 pm**  
**Instructor TBA**

This course will cover the sounds, forms and grammar of biblical Hebrew, and will include selected readings from the Old Testament.

#### **SNEAK PEEK: WHAT 300-LEVEL COURSES ARE ON TAP FOR SPRING 2026?**

**End Times: Apocalyptic Literature and Pop Culture**  
Dr. Lauren O'Connell

**ENGAGED LEARNING**

**Religion and Nationalism**  
Dr. Tracy Pintchman

**Suffering, Health and Disability**  
Dr. Hille Haker

**Christianity, Race, Prisons and Policing**  
Dr. Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar

**WRITING INTENSIVE**

**Survey of Contemporary Systematic Theology**  
Professor TBD

**Biblical Hebrew 2**  
THEO 309  
Instructor TBD