

# **RELIGION**

## **82-223 Paul: His Letters, His Gospel (T2)**

Distinguishing Paul in our context from Paul in the context of his times. A careful reading of the Pauline letters for their major issues such as apocalyptic, gospel, apostleship, Jew and Gentile, faith and Torah, the Spirit, Christian communities and common life. Analysis of interpretations of Paul in later Christian writers and thinkers, leading to discussion of topics such as Jews and Christians, men and women, sexuality and marriage in view both of Paul and present day experience.

Prerequisite: BTS-B

GE: BTS-T

Instructor: James Hanson

## **82-225 God and Human Suffering (T1)**

Why does human life involve suffering? If god is omnipotent and good, why does evil exist? Is God responsible, or can all evil -- and the suffering that accompanies it -- be explained by sin or human frailty. Students will explore some of the ways that Christian theology had attempted to respond to these questions, and they will also examine challenges to the Christian perspective.

Prerequisite: BTS-B

GE: BTS-T

Instructor: Edmund Santurri

## **82-276 Ethics of Jesus (T2)**

This course examines the ethical teachings of Jesus as found in the canonical Gospels (with special focus on the Sermon on the Mount), explores how these teachings have been understood at some major moments in Western history, and brings them to bear on the task of contemporary ethical reflection. Issues examined include, for example, non-violence, social and economic justice, sexuality, and ethnic conflict.

Prerequisite: BTS-B and BTS-T

GE: EIN

Instructor: James Hanson

## **82-278 The Ethics of War (T1)**

This course is a philosophical and theological reflection on the moral evaluation of war. Can war ever be morally justified? If so, what are the criteria for determining a war's just initiation, just conduct and just termination? Topics considered include a range of normative perspectives in their religious and secular expressions, e.g., principled and pragmatic pacifism, just war tradition, realism, crusader ethics, utilitarianism, Kantianism, communitarianism, natural-law theory, feminism.

Prerequisite: BTS-B and BTS-T

GE: EIN

Instructor: Edmund Santurri