

**Department of Catholic Studies**  
**Master of Arts in Catholic Studies Program**  
**Summer 2009 Course Offerings (June 15 – July 24)**

**CSMA 501-01 Catholic Thought and Culture I**

TBD

M/W, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

This interdisciplinary course begins exploration of the relations between Catholic faith and culture exhibited through works of imagination and intellect drawn from the New Testament through medieval periods. As part of the M.A. in Catholic Studies core curriculum, the course focuses on the multifaceted Catholic tradition but includes perspectives from Christians of other denominations and non-Christians selected to show the dialogue between Catholic thought and other cultural views and accomplishments. Primary attention will be given to works of literature, music, and art with some attention to philosophical and theological works selected especially for their contributions to articulating insights concerning the relationship between faith and culture. *This course fulfills a core requirement of the M.A. in Catholic Studies program.*

**CSMA 530-01 History of Western Education**

Fr. Michael Keating

T/TH, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The heart of any culture, as well as its continuity, can be found in its educational tradition, the distillation for the next generation of its highest ideals and most important truths. For the West this began with the Greeks, who set in place, some five centuries before Christ, the main aspects of a tradition that lasted, with significant developments, up until very recent times. This course will trace that tradition, using both primary and secondary source material, and will include: its origins in 5<sup>th</sup> century BC Greece; its universalization during the Hellenistic period; its encounter with Christianity in the Patristic era; its Christian instantiation under the Carolingian Empire; the great Medieval educational synthesis and the rise of the University; the development of Renaissance humanism and the Ratio Studiorum of the Jesuits; Newman's classic expression of the tradition in *The Idea of a University*; and the great challenge to that tradition and change that has taken place during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. This course fulfills a core history requirement of the M.A. in Catholic Studies program.

**CSMA 593-01 Letters of St. Paul**

Dr. John Martens

T/TH, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Through a careful reading of the letters of Paul, including the letters which some scholars believe are only "attributed" to him, this course explores the religious and cultural world of Paul and the Christian communities that he founded and with whom he interacted. It will also investigate the major theological themes of his letters and inquire into Paul's understanding of the ethical life of first-century Christian communities. Finally, the course will examine the impact of Paul's theological and ethical teaching for modern Christian life. Selected passages and themes will be given particular focus.