This course introduces you to the thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas about philosophical theology through a close reading of his \textit{Summa contra gentiles}—not the whole text, which would take many semesters, but as much of the first book as we can read with care.

We will give special attention to the historical context of the work so as to shed light on Thomas’ intention in writing it, and to the role he assigns the philosophy of nature.

This course fulfills the medieval requirement for graduate students.

\textbf{TEXTS:}


  (The bookstore will stock the first volume of this five-volume set.)

- Brief, supplementary texts and related materials on Blackboard.

\textbf{REQUIREMENTS:}

Class participation and a paper on some related text by Thomas (e.g., his commentary on Aristotle’s \textit{Metaphysics}, his disputed questions \textit{On Truth} or \textit{On the Power of God}, his \textit{opusculum On Being and Essence}, or another part of the \textit{Contra gentiles}).