

**General Objectives:**

To identify the scope and content of Roman Catholic Systematic Theology.

To present the Magisterial influence and evolution in the field of Systematic Theology with specific reference to the development of doctrine.

To underscore the relationship between the Magisterium and theologians with respect to the understanding, development and presentation of doctrine.

**Course Outlines:**

The transition from Gospel to doctrine as a hermeneutic and developmental reality in the Church. A biblical, historical, thematic and methodological presentation of doctrinal development in the early Church from the perspective of Roman Catholic Systematic Theology. The contributions of prominent Catholic institutions and theologians in the field of the development of doctrine.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to appreciate the sense of development in doctrine; to understand the role of the Magisterium as the guardian and teachers of the deposit of faith; to cultivate a spirit of fidelity and help to the Magisterium in their capacity as pastors of souls.

**Required Reading:**

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