

## 1 The Faculty

### 1.1 Location

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### 1.6 Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies

In recognition of the strong Buddhist Studies program in the Faculty of Religious Studies, the Numata Foundation has given a 20-year grant to the Faculty to bring a visiting scholar in Buddhist Studies to McGill each year.

The Numata Visiting Professor will teach two courses, one at the undergraduate level (260-337) and one at the graduate level (260-556), give a public lecture and be available to students during his or her term of office.

## 2 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Religious Studies

Today, the Colleges affiliated with the Faculty are: Montreal Diocesan Theological College of the Anglican Church of Canada; Presbyterian College of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; United Theological College of the United Church of Canada. They are all located on the University Campus. In 1973 the Colleges pooled their resources in the In-Ministry year to provide joint professional training for ministry. The Colleges now also confer a Master of Divinity degree on their successful candidates for ordination.

### THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The original Faculty of Divinity not only taught theological courses for ordination, it also engaged in teaching undergraduates in other faculties a selection of courses of more general interest, such as philosophy and psychology of religion and comparative religion. This selection grew over the years into

## 3 Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

Students who have completed a first degree prior to the B.Th. with a minimum CGPA of 2.70 are eligible to apply the B.Th. degree towards the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree conferred by the Theological Colleges. This degree requires, in addition to the B.Th. degree, successful involvement in integrative seminars during the two B.Th. years and a year of professional pastoral study beyond the B.Th., the "In-Ministry Year" offered by the three affiliated theological colleges under the auspices of the Joint Board of Theological Colleges.





With permission of the B.Th. Committee and the instructors concerned, students may substitute courses for any of the courses specified above if they have already taken them or similar courses for credit elsewhere.

**Students proceeding towards the M.Div. degree are required, in addition, to participate in pre-term ministry seminars.**

#### **Additional Complementary courses**

Permission is needed from the B.Th. Committee for courses selected from the curriculum of other departments of the University.

By permission of the Dean and the Chair of the B.Th. Committee, students may also enrol for courses at any university in the province of Quebec. See Inter-University Transfer Agreement in the General University Information section for details.

Professional and vocational courses (e.g., leading to ordination) are available through the In-Ministry Year (see Section 3 above) upon the completion of the B.Th. degree.

Returning students are required to pre-register prior to the end of the previous academic year.

#### **B.Th. HONOURS**

Students who have achieved a CGPA of 3.30 at the end of B.Th. 2 year may apply to the B.Th. Committee for permission to enter the Honours program. They will be required to complete 260-494A/495B in the B.Th. 3 with a grade of B or better, to complete the degree with Honours.

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## **5 Courses**

- Denotes courses not offered in 2000-01.
- ★ Denotes courses offered in alternate years.

The course credit weight is given in parentheses (#) after the course title.

**260-201A THE RELIGIONS OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST. (3)**

**260-311A NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES I.** (3) An introduction to the interpretation of the New Testament. **Professor Henderson**

**260-312B NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES II.** (3) An introduction to the critical study of the Gospels. **Professor Henderson**

**260-320A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT I.** (3) The development of Christian theology in the Patristic and Medieval periods. Focus on the controversial development of Christian doctrines and disciplines. **Professor Farrow**

**260-322A THE CHURCH**

of grammar and syntax with an emphasis on rapid reading of sections chosen from different parts of the New Testament.

**Professor Henderson**

**260-390D ELEMENTARY BIBLICAL HEBREW.** (6) An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Biblical Hebrew. Emphasis is placed on both the oral and the written language. **Professor Runnalls**

**260-399B TEXTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY.** (3) The phenomena of internal religious experience or "spirituality" pose a special challenge to scholarly study. This seminar traces major themes in Christian spirituality through interpretation of selected primary texts. (Awaiting University Approval) **Professor Kirby**

● ★ **260-407B THE WRITINGS.** (3) (Prerequisites: 260-202B, or 260-302A and 260-303B, or equivalent.)

★ **260-408A THE PROPHETS.** (3) (Prerequisites: 260-202B, or 260-302A and 260-303B.) A study of significant texts selected from the prophetic tradition in the Old Testament.

**Professor Runnalls**

**260-409A SCRIPTURE AND HERMENEUTICS.** (3) Comparative approach to the interpretation and meaning of scriptures and sacred texts, and to observe the ways that scriptures are composed by various practices of reading as by practices of writing.

**Professor Boutin**

● **260-410A MAJOR MOTIFS IN NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.** (3) (Prerequisite 260-311A and 260-312B or equivalent.)

**260-411B NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.** (3) (Prerequisites: 260-311A and 260-312B) A seminar in exegesis on the basis of representative passages chosen from different parts of the New Testament in English. **Staff**

● **260-412A MORAL TEACHING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.** (3) (Prerequisite 260-311A and 260-312B or equivalent.)

**260-420B CANADIAN CHURCH HISTORY.** (3) (Prerequisite: 260-323B) A survey of the major Christian traditions in Canada from the settlement of New France to the present. Lectures and seminars with use, where possible, of primary source materials.

**N. Cornett**

★ **260-423A REFORMATION THOUGHT.** (3) An examination of issues and persons in Europe and the British Isles that contributed to ecclesiastical and social change during the 16th and early 17th centuries.

**Professor Kirby**

Kevaladvaita with concentration on Sankara's Brahmasutrabhasya, Pada 1 and 2.  
**Professor Sharma**

- ★ **260-553A RELIGIONS OF SOUTH INDIA I.** (3) (Prerequisite: 6 credits in Indian religions.)
- ★ **260-554B RELIGIONS OF SOUTH INDIA II.**

