



Summer School in Trier, Germany

“Understanding the Bible from the Liturgy”

May 16 - July 1, 2022

Trier-opportunity for graduate students

- 3-credit course "Understanding the Bible from the Liturgy" in Trier (in English; see course description)
- 6 weeks of classes and one week of Pentecost break
- Get to know German culture and use the opportunity to learn German (different levels/intensities: 1 or 5 times/week).
- Archive and Library of the German Liturgical Institute: A glimpse behind the liturgical reform after Vatican II (in reference to the course).
- Use research opportunities at the theological libraries in Trier, esp. at the Library of the German Liturgical Institute. It is one of the best international libraries for liturgical studies in the world (including sacred art and music; in various languages, esp. German, English, and French; 70,000 volumes and 250 journals).
- Discover various liturgical manuscripts from Trier (practical introduction to working with them).
- Meet German students (seminar with doctoral students and social gatherings).
- Attend classes on the Liturgy of the Hours (“Praying the Bible”) and OT/NT classes in German (optional).
- Trier is a World Heritage Site with Roman architecture (emperor Constantine lived in Trier; early Christian excavations), medieval city center, wonderful churches, and modern atmosphere ([Click here for a video about Trier](#)).
- Enjoy study trips to Cologne, Aachen (city of Charlemagne), Maria Laach (center of the Liturgical Movement in Germany), Mainz (Gutenberg-Bible); optional excursions: Luxemburg, Paris.



Course description: "Understanding the Bible from the Liturgy" (3 credits)

Professors: Dr. Marco Benini (liturgy, Trier; taught 6 semesters at CUA), with some classes by Dr. Stefanos Alexopoulos (liturgy, CUA), Dr. Hans-Georg Gradl (NT, Trier), and Dr. Carolin Neuber (OT, Trier)

"Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy." (SC 24). The Bible shapes the liturgy like no other book: OT and NT readings are intertextually combined. Psalms are often specifically chosen. Prayers and hymns are biblically permeated. Liturgical actions and symbols (e.g., the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, baptismal rites, etc.) are inspired by sacred Scripture. At the same time, the liturgy interprets sacred Scripture and makes the Bible, a written echo of the revelation, to the living Word of God, whom we encounter in the liturgy. The reception of Scripture (e.g., according to the literary reception theory) is part of the active participation in the liturgy.

The course explores the rich relationships between Bible and liturgy. The first part examines liturgical elements within the OT and NT. The second part discusses the various ways in which liturgy uses Scripture (cf. SC 24). The course finally pays attention to systematic-theological dimensions of the liturgical hermeneutics of Scripture. The whole course promotes an interdisciplinary dialogue of liturgical and biblical studies and considers pastoral implications in the current challenges and opportunities for the Church (pandemic etc.).

Assigned readings for each class are in English (additional ones in German and other languages are optional).

In the place of the final exam students will submit a research paper on a topic related to the course. An official transcript in German and English will be provided. That will facilitate the transfer of credits.

How to apply:

- Please send your application (CV, letter of intent, recommendation letter from your professor) to benini@uni-trier.de by October 31, 2021 (please also specify your preference for the housing options. The number of rooms are limited).
- The application will be reviewed by the professors Stefanos Alexopoulos (CUA), Hans-Georg Gradl (Trier), and Marco Benini (Trier). We will reply to all applicants by November 15, 2021 and invite the chosen students to a Zoom-meeting to provide further information on practical steps.

For any questions please contact: benini@cua.edu



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