

CODE: THO 3316	TITLE: Ecclesiology and East-West Ecumenism
CREDITS: 3 cr.	
TERM: Summer 2010	PROFESSOR: Adam DeVille

DESCRIPTION	The Orthodox historian John Meyendorff, in the midst of the Second Vatican Council, noted that “the issue of ecclesiology, and not minor liturgical and administrative adjustments, or even ecumenical statements, will finally solve the problem of Christian unity.” This course aims to unpack that statement by examining how the ‘Church’ is understood in various Christian traditions of East and West. Special attention will be given to divergent understandings of episcopacy, primacy, synodality, and ecumenism, concluding with some “iconographic” reflections on the connections between ecclesiology, anthropology, and the nature of the Triune God.
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To give students an understanding of how various Churches view ecclesiology and what it means to be “Church”. 2. To give students an understanding of how various Churches view ecumenical discussion about such issues as primacy, episcopacy, and synodality. 3. To understand the connections between ecclesiology, theological anthropology, and Trinitarian theology.
WORKLOAD	Class participation Reflective Reading Reports Paper Final oral exam
EVALUATION	Class participation: 10% 8 Reflective Reading Reports: 40% (8x5% each) Paper 20% Final oral exam 30%
REQUIRED TEXTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Gerard Mannion and Lewis Mudge, eds., <i>The Routledge Companion to the Christian Church</i> (London: Routledge, 2008), ISBN: 9780415374200. (Note: a much more affordable paperback version of this is supposed to be forthcoming in late April 2010.) 2) John Zizioulas, <i>Lectures in Christian Dogmatics</i>, Douglas Knight, ed. (London: T&T Clark, 2008), ISBN: 9780567033154. 3) At least one additional text, either on-line or distributed by photocopy.
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	<p>John Zizioulas, <i>Being as Communion</i> Id., <i>Communion and Otherness</i> Henri de Lubac, <i>The Splendour of the Church</i> Nicholas Afanasiev, <i>The Church of the Holy Spirit</i> Christoph Cardinal Schoenborn, <i>Loving the Church</i> Gesa Elsbeth Thiessen, ed., <i>Ecumenical Ecclesiology: Unity, Diversity and Otherness in a Fragmented World</i> Alberto Melloni and Silvia Scatena, eds., <i>Synod and Synodality: Theology, History, Canon Law and Ecumenism in New Contact</i> Adam DeVille, <i>Orthodoxy and the Roman Papacy: Ut Unum Sint and the Prospects of East-West Unity</i> (forthcoming, University of Notre Dame Press, 2010).</p>