

CODE:	THO 4109	TITLE:	Sin and the Question of Evil (Prerequisite: THO 3166)
CREDITS:	3 cr.		
TERM:	Winter 2010	PROFESSOR:	Ramón Martínez de Pisón

DESCRIPTION	The fundamentals of Christian theology with regard to sin and evil, but above all the primacy of God's "original" love, the starting point for understanding personal sin, the first sin, original sin, and "the sin of the world." The Christian dynamics of conversion. The mystery of human finiteness, suffering, and death. Culpability, psychology, and theology. Evil and the revelation of God as Love.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to discover God's "original" love; - to introduce the Christian theology of sin and evil; - to analyse the historical and cultural conditions of the Christian theology of sin and evil; - to study the limitations of the theological discourse on evil; and - to reflect on the contemporary challenges to proclamation and comprehension of the mystery of evil.
WORKLOAD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A paper 10 pages in length on an aspect of the course. This is to be a research effort working out of a bibliography selected by the student. This paper should be handed in four weeks before the end of the course. 2. Final examination (oral ou écrit).
EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper: 60% - Examination: 40%
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	MARTÍNEZ DE PISÓN, Ramón, <i>Sin and Evil</i> (trans. R.R. Cooper), Sherbrooke: Médiaspaul, 2002.

Notes: 1) Students may not be absent from more than 20% of the course. 2) Please address all requests for deferral to Mrs Francine Quesnel, Academic Assistant. 3) For the policy on plagiarism consult the information rack outside the Faculty's administration office.