368-01 Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Requirements and Tentative Schedule
Exams
Midterm: 30% (Tentatively Tuesday, October 15th)
Final: 30% (Certainly Thursday, December 19th: 8:30-10:30)
Criteria for grading
Accuracy: Views of the philosopher truly represented
Quantity: With sufficient breadth and depth; nothing essential excluded
Quality: With clarity, understanding, insight
Exam questions will be chosen from a list provided in advance.
Paper: 25% (Tentatively Thursday November 19th)
8 pages
The class after the midterm will be devoted to further explanation of the paper.
Plagiarism will result in an “F” for the course and a letter to the dean.
Class participation: 15%
Participation refers to discussion: it presumes attendance.
Six or more unexcused absences will result in an “F” for the course.

Texts
Thomas Aquinas [Goodwin], Selected Writings of St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas Aquinas [Pegis], Introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas Aquinas [Oesterle], Treatise on Happiness

Tentative Schedule
I. Basic Principles
   A. Philosophy’s relation to theology: Summa theologiae I.1.1 (pp. 3-6 in Pegis)
   B. Form and matter: Principles of Nature, Chapters 1-4 (pp. 7-23 in Goodwin)
   C. Existence: On Being and Essence, Chapter 4 (pp. 51-8 in Goodwin)
II. God
   A. God’s nature
      1. Simplicity: Summa theologiae I.3.3-4, 7 (pp. 28-33 in Pegis)
      2. Perfection: Summa theologiae I.4 (handout)
      3. Goodness: Summa theologiae I.5-6 (pp. 34-52 in Pegis)
4. Infinity: *Summa theologiae* I.7.1-2 (pp. 53-6 in Pegis)
5. Omnipresence: *Summa theologiae* I.8 (handout)
6. Immutability: *Summa theologiae* I.9 (handout)
7. Eternity: *Summa theologiae* I.10 (handout)

B. God’s activity
1. Love: *Summa theologiae* I.19-20 (pp. 192-213 in Pegis and handout)
2. Providence: *Summa theologiae* I.22 1-4 (pp. 214-224 in Pegis)
3. Trinity: *Summa contra gentiles* IV.11 (handout)

III. The Human Being

A. Human nature
1. Union of soul and body: *Summa theologiae* I.75-6 (pp. 280-310 in Pegis) and *Questions on the Soul* (handout)
2. Knowledge: *Summa theologiae* I.84-5 (pp. 376-428 in Pegis)
3. Immortality: *Questions on the Soul* 8 (handout)

B. Human happiness
1. What happiness is: *Summa theologiae* I-II.1-5 (pp. 3-66 in Oesterle)
2. Knowledge of God: *Summa theologiae* I.12.5 and I.12.12 (pp. 79-80 and 93-4 in Pegis)