

CODE:	THO 3323	TITLE:	Canonical Tradition of the Christian East
CREDITS:	3 cr.		
TERM:	Fall 2011	PROFESSOR:	Alexander Laschuk

DESCRIPTION	The Eastern Churches and ecclesial communion. Historical development of the canonical tradition of the Eastern Churches, both Orthodox and Catholic. The teaching of Vatican II and postconciliar documents on the Eastern Churches. The Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. General principles of Eastern Catholic canon law with particular reference to the dispensing authority of ordinaries. Ecclesial institutions: eparchies, parishes. General principles of Eastern sacramental legislation.
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be introduced to the study of Canon Law and its sources 2. Students will explore canonical collections from both Byzantine and non-Byzantine authors with a special emphasis on primary sources 3. Students will explore the process of codification in the Catholic Church as a response to the challenges of using historical legislation as a system of law. 4. Students will gain a critical overview of the structure and content of the CCEO
WORKLOAD	Class Participation Weekly Reading of Primary and Secondary Sources (~40 pages/week) Midterm Exam Paper (8-10 pgs) Final Exam
EVALUATION	Participation (Attendance, Active Participation in Discussions): 15% Midterm Exam (Take-Home): 25% Paper: 30% Final Exam: 30%
REQUIRED TEXTS	P. Rodopoulos, <i>An Overview of Orthodox Canon Law</i> , Orthodox Theological Library, no. 3, Rollingsford, NH: Orthodox Research Institute, 2007. Other readings to be placed on library reserve or accessed from the university's electronic resources.
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	<i>Codex canonum Ecclesiarum orientalium, auctoritate Ioannis Pauli PP. II promulgatus, fontium annotatione auctus</i> , Libreria editrice Vaticana, 1995, English translation <i>Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches: Latin-English Edition, New English Translation</i> , Washington: Canon Law Society of America, 2001. C. Gallagher, <i>Church Law and Church Order in Rome and Byzantium: A Comparative Study</i> , Birmingham Byzantine and Ottoman Monographs, vol. 8, Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002. P. L'Huillier, <i>The Church of the Ancient Councils: The Disciplinary Work of the First Four Ecumenical Councils</i> , Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1996. G. Nedungatt (ed.), <i>A Guide to the Eastern Code: A Commentary on the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches</i> , Kanonika, no. 10, Rome: Pontificio Istituto Orientale, 2002.