

CODE: THO 6378	TITLE: Resources & Methods for the Study of Eastern Christianity
CREDITS: 3 cr.	
SESSION: Fall 2006	PROFESSOR: Andriy Chirovsky

DESCRIPTION	This course surveys the various tools available for research in the several disciplines of Eastern Christian Studies and introduces students to the major questions of a hermeneutical nature that need to be addressed at the graduate level. Students will be encouraged to develop a working model for the major research paper required at the M.A. level. Other issues covered will include the development of a research hypothesis, the parameters of a literature review to establish the state of the question, the choice of appropriate methodology for a given project. Guest lecturers will be invited to present various acceptable approaches to research in Eastern Christian Studies						
OBJECTIVES	Students will become familiar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) print, internet and other research tools; b) Various methodological approaches c) major emphases in different disciplines involved in Eastern Christian Studies d) major stages in developing a personal research project 						
WORKLOAD	Readings, lectures, class discussion, work with research tools, preparation of personal research project and peer-critique of the projects of the research projects of other students.						
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REQUIRED TEXTS	Andrew Louth, Discerning the Mystery: An Essay on the Nature of Theology. Oxford: Clarendon, 1989. Also a bibliography of other required texts will be given						
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	Recommended texts will be identified at the beginning of the term.						