

CODE: THO 6392	TITLE: THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES AT VATICAN II
CREDITS: 3 cr.	
TERM: WINTER 2014	PROFESSOR: François Beyrouti

DESCRIPTION	This course will look at the Eastern Catholic presence at the Second Vatican Council, focusing particularly on the representatives from the Melkite Catholic Church. Each student will have an opportunity to focus and pursue studies related to any of the Eastern Catholic or Orthodox Churches at the Council. We will look at the contribution of the Eastern Christian figures on the various themes of the Council, explore how these affected the Churches following the Council, and what remains to be more fully implemented.
OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To familiarize students with the major issues that the Eastern Catholic Churches addressed during the Second Vatican Council. 2. For students to become familiar with the discussions that have taken place following the Council. 3. To prepare students to do further research on the role of the Eastern Christian Churches.
WORKLOAD	- Weekly readings of up to 50 pages.
EVALUATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly readings. 2. Participation. 3. Presentation. 4. Research paper. 5. Final exam.
REQUIRED TEXTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church." (Lumen Gentium. November 21, 1964). 2. "Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches." (Orientalium Ecclesiarum. November 21, 1964). 3. "Decree on Ecumenism." (Unitatis redintegratio. November 21, 1964) 4. Murphy, Gerasimos T. <i>Maximos IV at Vatican II: A Quest for Autonomy</i>. West Roxbury, MA: Eparchy of Newton, Sophia Press, 2011. (ISBN: 978-0-615-56974-1). Available at: www.melkite.org 5. Samra, Bishop Nicholas, ed. <i>The Courage to Be Ourselves: The Legacy of Archbishop Joseph Tawil</i>. West Roxbury, MA: Eparchy of Newton, Sophia Press, 2009. Available at: www.melkite.org 6. Additional articles will be posted online.
RECOMMENDED TEXTS	- To be posted online.