Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican friar during the 13th century and is the most influential theologian and philosopher of Catholicism and by extension Christianity. He is a giant in the scholastic tradition. One of his major projects was to synthesize the insights from Aristotle, with whom the Christian world was becoming interested, with the Christian doctrine.

Hi, my name is Caleb Lee, you can call me Caleb. I received a PhD here at the U of C, in 2016. My research was on how the idea of belief is related to the standards of good belief. I have been teaching here regularly since 2012. I also teach at SAIT and work part time as a flight attendant for WestJet.

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R - 15:30 - 18:15
SA - 109

1. In this class we will explore some of the most famous arguments of Thomas Aquinas concerning God, ethics and metaphysics and epistemology.

2. In doing this you will become more familiar with the methods and concerns of philosophy in general.

3. You will engage in
a) constructive,
b) respectful, and
c) charitable oral arguments in class and in writing through arguments.

4. And you will critically assess, analyze, and interpret philosophical texts including the Aquinas' Suma Theologica and other secondary texts.
Assignments 32%: There will be four short assignments each worth 8%. Instructions will be in the respective drop boxes in d2l.

Term paper 34%: There will be a term paper due on the last day of class worth 34%. Instructions will be in the appropriate drop box.

I cover important details about grading during class. You do not need to pass any single component of the course to pass the course. I will accept late work (excluding quizzes) without penalty---or feedback---for one week after the due date but not after that. Late work will be graded when I am able.

A+ 96
A 91
A- 86
B+ 81
B 76
B- 71
C+ 66
C 61
C- 56
D+ 51
D 46
F 0

Quizzes 36%: There will be six quizzes worth 6% each. They will all be online take-home quizzes.

There will be no registrar-scheduled final exam.

I use the psychology department grading scheme.
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The readings are from St. Thomas' major work, the *Summa Theologica*.
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- Safewalk

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