

Dominican International School



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Religious Studies Course Syllabus S.Y. 2022-2023

GRADE LEVEL	9
SCHOOL YEAR	2022-2023
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to the Religious Studies 9 course!

"Just by thinking about God, we can know he exists."
- St. Anselm

The Religious Studies course for grade nine students is anchored on the three Pillars of the Campus Ministry Department namely: the "Word" for Doctrine, the "Witness" for the valuing and application of the concept learned, and the "Worship" for the celebration of faith. The harmony of these three pillars will help ensure holistic formation of the students.

This course will commence with the basic understanding of Philosophy exploring the richness of its origin and its significant impact to our civilization. This Philosophical background will lead the students to understand easily the concept of God.

In this course, students are expected to learn the wisdom and thoughts of the renowned philosophers from the ancient world down to contemporary thought. The students then will relate their valued learnings from these thoughts and relate them to their respective lives.

An Occasional Reflection about the Word of God will also help the students develop a great sense of reflectiveness in response to the challenges of the present time. The Word will be an invitation for them to live with faith, hope, and love in their hearts.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: At the end of the quarter, students will be able to discover about:

QUARTER	First
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Introduction to Philosophy
A. COGNITIVE:	A.1. Western Philosophy
	A.1.1. Socrates
	A.1.2. Plato
	A.1.3. Aristotle
	A.2. Eastern Philosophy
	A.2.1. Confucianism
	A.2.2. Buddhism
B. AFFECTIVE:	B.1. Comparing Western from
	Eastern Philosophy
C. PSYCHOMOTOR:	C.1. Branches of Philosophy
	C.1.1. Metaphysics
	C.1.2. Philosophy of Religion
	C.1.3. Ethics
Glossary	Philosophy, Socrates, Plato,
	Aristotle, Confucianism,
	Buddhism, Socratic Method,
	Metaphysics, Ethics

QUARTER	Second
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Thomistic Philosophy
A. COGNITIVE:	A.1. The Human Person
	A.2. Life and the Senses
B. AFFECTIVE:	B.1. Appetite and Will
	B.2. Intellect and Rational
	Knowledge
C. PSYCHOMOTOR:	C.1. The Proofs of the Existence of God
Glossary	Body, soul, psyche, immortality, authentic person, intellect, rationalism, empiricism, tabula rasa, transcendence, cause, necessity, final causality

QUARTER	Third
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Freedom of the Human Person and Intersubjectivity
A. COGNITIVE:	A.1. Freedom and its Consequences A.1.1. Responsibility A.1.2. Authenticity A.2. Intersubjectivity A.2.1. Paul Ricoeur A.2.2. Martin Buber A.2.3. Emmanuel Levinas
B. AFFECTIVE:	B.1. Prudence and Freedom B.1.1. Thomas Aquinas and the Virtues
C. PSCYHOMOTOR:	C.1. Exercising Freedom Morally
Faith Glossary	Freedom, Prudence, choice, consequences, responsibility, authenticity, intersubjectivity, unity, the other, I and thou, Another, virtues

QUARTER	Fourth
CHAPTER TITLE/S	The Human Person in the Society
A. COGNITIVE:	A.1. Concepts of Society A.1.1. Plato A.1.2. Auguste Comte
B. AFFECTIVE:	B.1. The Human Person as a Social Being
C. PSYCHOMOTOR:	C.1. The Human Person as a Being for Others C.2. The Good Samaritan Today
Glossary	Society, social being, community, respect, status, beliefs, race, metaphysical stage, theological

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- ✓ Advent
- √ Christmas
- ✓ Lent
- ✓ Holy Week
- √ Easter
- ✓ Ordinary Time
- ✓ Dominican Feasts: Memorials and Solemnities
- ✓ Feasts in Honor of Mother Mary

DOMINICAN PILLARS AND CORE VALUES

- ✓ Study= Truth
- ✓ Prayer=Joy
- ✓ Community=Justice
- √ Service/Preaching= Compassion

PARAGONS OF VALUES: DOMINICAN SAINTS AND BLESSED

Months	Feasts/Memorials of Dominican Saints
August	02- Bl. Jane of Aza
	08- St. Dominic de Guzman
	14- St. Dominic Ibañez
	17- St. Hyacinth of Poland
	18- Bl. Mannes de Guzman
	23- Rose of Lima
September	18- St. John Macias
	20- St. Francis Posadas
	28- St. Lawrence Ruiz
October	09- St. Louis Bertrand
November	03- St. Martin de Porres
	15- St. Albert the Great

22- Bl. Cecilia

December	01- Bl. John Vercelli
	The Holy Family
January	07- St. Raymond of Peñafort
	18- St. Margaret of Hungary
February	13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony
March	07- St. Thomas Aquinas
April	05- St. Vincent Ferrer
	06/29- St. Peter of Verona
	20- St. Agnes of Montepulciano
	29/30- St. Catherine of Siena
	30- St. Pius V
May	10- St. Anthony of Florence
	12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini
	20- Bl. Columba of Reiti
Others	June 09- Bl. Diana
	July 17- Bl. Ceslaus

School wide Learning Outcomes (SLO's): D'TORCH Values: Dominicans are Truthful, Organized, Reflective, Courageous, and Helpful

GRADING SYSTEM:

50 % Academic

	TOTAL	100 %
•	Section D: Deportment	50%
•	Section C. Major Quarterly Exam	16.67%
•	Section B: Quizzes	16.67%
•	Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects	16.66%

50 % Deportment (Behavior)

•	Truthful	19 points
•	Organized	19 points

	TOTAL	95 points
•	Helpful	19 points
•	Courageous	19 points
•	Reflective	19 points

Note: The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES (PRINTED AND ONLINE)

- 1. The Catholic Youth Bible. New Revised Standard Version
- 2. Handout: The Philosophy Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained;
- 3. The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach;
- 4. Sophie's World: The History of Philosophy;
- 5. The History of Western Philosophy—Bertrand Russel;
- 6. How Philosophy Works;
- 7. The Story of Philosophy: A Concise Introduction to the World's Greatest Thinkers and Their Ideas

Online References:

1.https://Users/Teacher/Downloads/A_New_Philosophy_of_Man_and_Humanism_Bas.pdf

2.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346581893_Introduction_to_the_ Philosophy_of_the_Human_Person

3.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333873368_Philosophy_of_the_H uman_Person

- 4. https://www.catholic.org/
- 5. https://aquinas.design/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/07/Thomistic-Philosophy-An-Introduction070618.pdf

6.

file:///C:/Users/Teacher/Downloads/Thomism_%20the%20philosophy%20of%20Thomas%20Aguinas%20(%20PDFDrive%20).pdf

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

• The Google Classroom code will be given to all students to access Religious Studies' learning guide and tasks.

- There will be NO Homework to be given during the weekend except during major exams or quizzes. It is to give students a chance to spend quality time with their family.
- The Project D (Detention) and Project I will affect the Deportment Grade of students.
- Plagiarism is a serious offense and a form of theft. In certain cases, it
 is also a criminal offense. It is defined as taking words, phrasing,
 sentence structure, or any other element of the expression of another
 person's ideas, and using them as if they were your own. Plagiarism is
 a violation of another person's rights, whether the material stolen is
 great or small it is not a matter of degree or intent. Plagiarism has
 serious consequences. ANY act of plagiarism will result in an
 automatic ZERO on the entire assignment or learning task.

First QUARTER - COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 Aug. 10-12	Welcome back to school Dominicans! August 10: First Day of School/Orientation Day - Giving of Expectations - School Rules and Reminders
Week 2 Aug. 15-19 17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland 18- Blessed Mannes 21- St. Pius X, Pope 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	 Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction 1. Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements) 2. Grading system 3. Rules and Regulations/ Online Learning Guidelines/ Class Agreement (Based on the D'TORCH Values) 4. Review: DIST Vision-Mission and Philosophy 5. D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos 6. Basic Prayers 7. Students' Profile
Week 3	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection)

Aug. 22-26 23- Saint Rose of Lima 24- St. Bartholomew, apostle 27- St. Monica 28- St. Augustine	 b. Western Philosophy: Socrates c. The Socratic Method 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - show appreciation to the thoughts of Socrates 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - apply the Socratic Method in solving problems 22-Beginning of Morning Assembly
Week 4 Aug. 29 to Sept 2 03-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor 05-Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Plato c. Metaphysics 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be aware of the philosophical thoughts of Plato 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - formulate their own prayer using the ACTS formula (project) 2-House Activity and DYM Concert
Week 5 Sept. 5 to 9 08-Holy Mass: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10-Blessed Alphonsus Navarrete and Companions 11- St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Aristotle c. Ethics 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - show openness and respect to all philosophical beliefs 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - formulate their own prayer using the ACTS formula (project) 5- Peace Ceremony 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Week 6 Sept. 12 to 16	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Eastern Philosophy: Confucianism c. Philosophy of Religion

14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 15-Our Lady of Sorrows 16-St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs 18- Saint Juan Macias	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - recognize the value of Confucius' thoughts 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - apply Hermeneutics in solving philosophical problems
Week 7 Sept. 19 to 25 21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist 23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) Buddhism Compare & Contrast: Western vs. Eastern Philosophy WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): reflect on the similarities and differences between Western and Eastern Philosophy WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): make a stand in favoring one philosophical belief UNIT REVIEW Preparation for the 1st Quarter Exam
Week 8 Sept. 26-30	
28-Saint Dominic Ibanez, Friar and Priest, Saint James Kyushei Tomonaga, Friar and Priest, Saint Lawrence Ruiz, Layman And Companions, Members of the Dominicar Family, Martyrs of Nagasaki, Japan 29-Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels 30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor	26- Teacher's Day Celebration 28-30 Teacher's Conference (No Classes)
Week 9 Oct. 3-7	6-7 First Quarter Exam

	Record Day 10- Double Ten
04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi 05-Blessed Raymond of Capua	
Oct 03- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary during the usual Monday Morning Assembly	
06-Blessed Bartolo Longo 07-Our Lady of the Rosary	

SECOND QUARTER – COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct.11-14 10- Double 10 Holiday 12-Our Lady of Pillar 13-St. Theophilus 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor 09-Saint Luis Bertran	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) St. Thomas Aquinas' Philosophy The Human Person WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): emulate St. Thomas Aquinas' search for the divine WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): pray the Holy Rosary
Week 2 (11) Oct. 17- to 21 22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church 22-St. John Paul II, Pope	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) Appetite and the Will Intellect and Rational Knowledge WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): be aware of the virtues of temperance and prudence WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): devote one hour of prayer to St. John Paul II

	17- Catholic Students' Integration Day
Week 3 (12) Oct. 24- 28 28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) The Proofs of the Existence of God (1st and 2nd ways) WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): express appreciation through Religious Arts WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): be an active participant during the Holy Rosary Mass
	28- Masquerade Night
Week 4 (13) Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 01- Solemnity of All Saints 02-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 03-Saint Martin de Porres 06-Blessed Bonaventura Gracia Paredes, Friar, Priest and Master of the Order Blessed Josefina Sauleda Paulis, Virgin and Nun Blessed Ramona Fossas Roman, Virgin and Sister Blessed Antero Mateo, Married Man and Lay Dominican And Companions, Members of the Dominican Familymartyrs of the Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Proofs of the Existence of God (3 rd and 4 th ways) c. All Saints and All Souls Day 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be motivated by the life of all the saints in heaven 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray for all the saints in heaven 1- All Saints Day Mass 2- Feast of St. Martin de Porres (TOP Profession)
Week 5 (14) Nov. 7- 11 07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers 09- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Proofs of the Existence of God (5 th way) c. Advent 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be aware and informed by the wonderful season of Advent

10-St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor 11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini	3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - adore God through all the workings of all the saints of the Order of Preachers
Week 6 (15) Nov. 14 to 18 15- Saint Albert the Great 16-St. Margaret of Scotland, queen St. Gertrude, virgin 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 18- Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. PBL: Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree - Planning Stage 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be creative in planning for their Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - worship God through offering an hour each day to read the Bible
Week 7 (16) Nov 21- to 25 21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican And Companions Martyrs of Vietnam	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. PBL: Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree - Creating Stage 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - exhibit collaboration and teamwork in creating the Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - revere God through inviting someone to go to Church to celebrate Christ the King 24- Thanksgiving Mass for Teachers 25 and 28, Grade 12 Q2 Examination
Week 8 (17) Nov 28 to Dec 02 1-Pre-exam days 30-St. Andrew, apostle	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. PBL: Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree - Final Presentation 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):

Dec 15 to 16 Second Quarter Exam	15-16- Second Quarter Exam Record Day
Week 10 (19)	
07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor 08 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 65th DIST Foundation Day Celebrations	5- Lighting of the Second Advent Candle 5- Opening of the DIST 65 th Founding Anniversary 5-Christmas Tree lighting (4:30 pm) 6- Cheering Competition 7- Academic Day 8- DIST 65 th Founding Anniversary Feast of the Immaculate Concepcion
Week 9 (18) Dec 5 to 8	UNIT REVIEW - Preparation for the 2nd Quarter Exam
	Dec 2-3 SUAO Retreat
	28- Lighting of the First Advent Candle
	- adore God through learning the Advent symbols and meanings
Dec. 02 to 03, SUAO Advent Recollection	the Recycled Mini-Christmas Tree 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):
03-St. Francis Xavier	

Third QUARTER - COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/
	Assessments

Week 1 (20) Jan 3-6 04-Saint Zdislava of Lemberk, lay Dominican and Wife 04-Birthday of Sr. Zenaida/Holy Mass for teachers and staff only	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Freedom and its Consequences c. Epiphany 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be aware and informed of the importance of the Epiphany of our Lord 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - revere God by grasping the meaning of the Epiphany of the Lord 4: Directress Birthday and Jubilee Celebration
Week 2 (21) Jan 9-13	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Freedom and Responsibility c. Freedom and Authenticity 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - devote at least an hour each day for prayer 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - offer a prayer for self-guidance as a form of reflection after the Vocation Talk
Week 3 (22) Jan 16-20	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) Intersubjectivity Paul Ricoeur WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): be inspired by the works of St. John of the Cross WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): pray for healing of other people's wounds and sufferings Thomas Para liturgy (1st Period)

Week 4 (23) Jan 30-Feb 3	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Martin Buber c. Emmanuel Levinas d. Season of Lent 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - examine one's life by reflecting after a day's work or study 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - adore God by making someone especially happy today
Jan 23-27	Chinese New Year Break
Week 5 (24) Feb 6-10	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) Prudence and Freedom Thomas Aquinas and the Virtues WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): reflect on how to have an act of charity during the Lenten Season WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): worship God through songs of praise and thanksgiving
Week 6 (25) Feb 13-17	 WORD (Doctrine/Informative): Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross Exercising Freedom Morally WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): ponder on the journey of Christ in the Stations of the Cross WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): reflect on God's presence in the celebration of Ash Wednesday 13-17 Religious Studies Week

Week 7 (26) Feb 20-24	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Holy Week c. The Seven Last Words 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - contemplate on the seven last words of Christ and relate them to the present time 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - think of ways on how to give up something/minimize the use of something in observance of the Lenten Season (eg. No social media, no TV, no phones) 22-Ash Wednesday Mass
	27-28 Memorial Day Holiday
Week 8 (27) March 1-3	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. PBL: Stations of the Cross 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - ponder on the journey of Christ in the Stations of the Cross and relate them in the present time 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - think of ways on how to give up something/minimize the use of something in observance of the Lenten Season (eg. No social media, no TV, no phones)
Week 9 (28) March 6-10	 UNIT REVIEW Preparation for the 3rd Quarter Exam 10 and 13 Third Quarter Exam
Week 1 (30) March 14-17	Post Review (3 rd Quarter Exam) Deportment Self-Assessment

3 rd Quarter Reflection
17-St. Patrick's Mass

Fourth QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/
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Week 2 (30) March 20-24	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Concepts of Society c. Plato's concept of Society 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - relate the Resurrection of Christ to the present time 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - show gratefulness to anyone today Fourth Quarter Begins
Week 03 (31) March 27-31	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Comte's Concept of Society 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - correlate religion and democracy 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - appreciate anyone's kindness today 29- Spring Fair
	April 3-7 Tomb Sweeping Day Holiday April 10-14 Easter Break/Spring Break
Week 04 (33) Apr 17-21	WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Human Person as a Social Being

	 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - Why is it that the Liturgy need to be renewed? 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - think of ways on how to help preserve and conserve our Mother Earth 17- Easter Mass/ Initial Sacraments
Week 05 (34) Apr 24-28	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Human Person as a Being for Others 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - What are the moral challenges of the Church today? 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray for someone who is suffering today
Week 6 (35) May 1-5	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Good Samaritan Today 2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - compose a prayer for the Church 3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - thank God for helping everyone sailing through the whole school year with ease and confidence 1-12 AP Exams 1-12 Final Exams (K2, Grades 5, 8, 12 Only)

Week 07 (36) May 8-12	Unit Review Deportment Self-Assessment 4 th Quarter Reflection
Week 08 (37) May 15-19	18 & 19 Q4 Exams Undergraduate
Week 09 (38) May 22- 26	23- Baccalaureate Mass
Week 10 (39) May 29-June 2	CULMINATING ACTIVITIES 2-Year-End Mass

St. Dominic and St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us!