IPS 599-001 – The Rome of Peter and Paul
Peter and Paul are considered the pillars of the church in Rome. Each had an encounter with the Risen Christ and each could be called the founder of Roman Catholic Christianity. This course surveys the lives of Peter and Paul using the New Testament, Apostolic Fathers, apocryphal texts, Pagan authors, Patristics, and the city of Rome itself. Particular emphasis will be paid to legends and stories of Peter and Paul's time in Rome. Participants will be able to make critical decisions about evidence used in reconstructing a life of Peter and Paul in order to understand and evaluate more fully primary, secondary, and later sources. The advantage of studying the material while in Rome cannot be overstated.

Faculty: Brian Schmisek
Day and Time: Please check LOCUS for more information. Dates in Rome are June 15 – 25, 2016
Location: Rome, Italy

IPS 599-002 – Prophets, Heralds of Justice (Their faith in the God of Israel filled the prophets with a passion for justice.)
This course will examine the historical development of prophecy in Israel in its ancient near eastern context. Students will be introduced to exegetical methodology used by contemporary biblical scholars, including: literary analysis, form criticism, source criticism, and historical criticism. Students will learn to ask hermeneutical questions will deal with the implications of the ancient writings for the contemporary Church, including the demands of justice in our own Church and our own society. This is an advanced class that presupposes that students have already taken “Introduction to the Old Testament,” and that they are familiar with the Catholic teachings on biblical inspiration and inerrancy, and how Catholic doctrine differs from the Evangelical approach to scripture so common in the Bible Belt of the USA. Students will be introduced to the critical understanding of the prophets in the light of contemporary Catholic biblical scholarship.

Faculty: Patrick Madden
Day and Time: Thursday 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Online

IPS 599-003 – Living God: Learning to Breathe Mystery
How one understands God informs one’s pastoral and spiritual responses. In the exploration of the mystery of God, this course will examine the fullness of God in the Trinity. Within an intellectual atmosphere, this examination will shine light on how one's understanding of God informs one's pastoral and spiritual responses. This in turn will assist students in spiritual development for leadership and pastoral care.

Faculty: Timone Davis
Day and Time: Tuesday 6pm - 7:30pm
Location: Online

IPS 599-004 – Faith and Fiction
Christian faith requires imagination. Yet, more often than not this remains a neglected organ in congregations and parishes. Underdeveloped in this faculty, we lack creative perspectives, struggle to inhabit the strange world of Scripture, and find ourselves and our congregations unable to think outside of the box of the dominant cultural logic. In this course we engage works of fiction as a way of training and stretching the our theological imagination in order to provide a slanted view of reality so as to open new possibilities for faithful living and engagement.

**Faculty:** Daniel Rhodes  
**Day and Time:** Wednesday and Thursday 9am – Noon  
**Location:** WTC