

Below are illustrations of some possible paper topics, to give an idea of the range of possible topics. Ideal would be for the student to choose a topic from the course that reflects his or her particular interests.

- i. attitudes toward Judaism in Church fathers, or in St. Thomas, or St. Augustin, etc.
- ii. Church actions “against” or protecting Jewish communities in Catholic states
- iii. history of the Blood libel in Catholicism – saints, actions, truth
- iv. any Jewish “thinker” or heresy – Spinoza, Heschel, Wysograd, Rubinstein, etc.
- v. Meaning and effect of any development in Judaism – the reform movement, the Chasidic movement, reconstructionism, “Modern Orthodoxy”, “Jewish Renewal Movement”
- vi. Margaret Sanger, Eugenics, and the Third Reich
- vii. Racism in pre-Nazi occultism
- viii. The theology of Elie Wiesel
- ix. Homosexuality in the Third Reich
- x. The understanding of the devil and demons in Judaism vs. Catholic Church
- xi. Jewish teaching about the afterlife
- xii. Jewish teaching about salvation (the conditions of)
- xiii. Third Reich intentions vis-à-vis the Church and the Catholic Faith
- xiv. Forced disputations in the Middle Ages
- xv. The ghetto-ization of Jews
- xvi. The church’s role (or lack thereof) in the expulsion of the Jews from Spain 1492
- xvii. Frequent points in Christian apologetics to Jews and anti-Missionary responses
- xviii. Religious Celebacy in Judaism
- xix. Jewish sects at the time of Jesus
- xx. The first decades of the Church – demographics, issues
- xxi. What the Talmud says about Jesus and Christianity, the major points of dispute
- xxii. Jewish conversion to the Church – any particular period (like 19<sup>th</sup> century Germany)
- xxiii. Christian conversion to Judaism
- xxiv. History of the Messianic Judaism movement
- xxv. False Messiahs (pick one) – Bar Kochba, Sabbatai Zvi, Rabbi Schneerson
- xxvi. John Paul II, Judaism, and the Jewish community
- xxvii. Benedict XVI, Judaism, and the Jewish community
- xxviii. Pius XII, Judaism, and the Jewish community
- xxix. Piux IX....
- xxx. John XXIII....
- xxxi. The debate around the issuing of “Nostra Aetate”
- xxxii. The Jewish community’s response to (and involvement in) Vatican II
- xxxiii. The Church and “supersessionism”
- xxxiv. Church teaching on Islam – early, now, St. Thomas, etc.
- xxxv. Teaching related to the conversion of the Jews to precede the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- xxxvi. Teaching (and Church fathers, etc.) related to the antichrist being Jewish
- xxxvii. “Reflections on Covenant and Mission”, the origins, the theology, the reactions
- xxxviii. “Dominus Iesus” -- the origins, the theology, the reactions
- xxxix. Islam’s threat to Europe – the Battle of Vienna (or Lepanto)
  - xl. Islam’s teaching about Christianity
  - xli. Islam’s teaching about Judaism
  - xlii. The nature of God in Islam and Christianity
  - xliiii. “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion” in Catholic circles and the truth
  - xliv. Problem with antisemitism in Traditionalist Catholicism – is there one? if so, why?