

# John Henry Cardinal Newman: his Life, his Work, and his ongoing Legacy (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (Historical Theology, Systematic Theology)

Course ID: 0395

## Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

## Educational goals

After having completed the course, the students are expected to:

- be able to give an account of Newman's life according to his biographical writings;
- be able to exhibit an understanding of the connection between his major works in the context of the challenge of Christian theology in the beginning of "modernity";
- be able to reflect critically on topics that Newman dealt with and that have remained relevant to this days, such as: the meaning of "conversion"; the importance of conscience in church, society and for a personal image of God; the development of doctrine and the relationship between faith and (personal) reason.

## Course content

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) is one of the unique teachers of Christianity, not only of the Catholic Church. As an Anglican priest and theologian, he worked on the profound renewal of his church and was led along this path into the Roman Catholic Church (8<sup>th</sup> October 1845). There he soon encountered resistance and a lack of understanding because he recognised an urgent need for reform: education is necessary because Christianity is a "learned religion". However, in 1878 he was appointed cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. Later, many call him the "secret peritus of the Second Vatican Council". He was beatified in 2010 and canonised in 2019.

## Teaching and examination

Teaching is given by means of online lectures and seminars. Examination is in the form of active participation in the online seminars (30 % of final grade) and in the form of an oral presentation that is then also written down and handed in (70 % of the final grade).

## Bibliography

### *Works of John Henry Newman*

(all sources of Newman are digitalised published by “The National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh / USA: <https://newmanstudies.org/>; all of his published works can be found in: <https://www.newmanreader.org/>). A selection of texts are made available in a "Newman-Reader" as the basis for our reading in this course.

### *Secondary Sources:*

Aquino, Frederick D., King, Benjamin J. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Ker Ian T. (Hg.), *The Cambridge companion to John Henry Newman*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

### *Biographical Studies:*

A movie (*One step is enough...*): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t16-AHJweUE>

Beaumont, Keith (2010), *Blessed John Henry Newman. Theologian and spiritual guide for our time*. San Francisco CA: Ignatius Press, 2010.

Dessain, Charles Stephen, *Johan Henry Newman*. London-Edinburgh 1966.

Ker, Ian T. (2010), *John Henry Newman. A biography*. Reissued. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

See also “Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser” (Course plans: General rules)

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