

Medieval logic I: medieval contributions to the *logica vetus*

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Course Description

An introduction to the texts of the *logica vetus*, through the eyes of medieval logicians from the 6th to the 14th century. We shall examine, in order:

- The thoughts of medieval authors on the nature and subject matter of logic;
- Medieval theories of the categories;
- Medieval accounts of the proposition, including modal propositions.

By the end of the course, the student shall have become acquainted with the central texts used to teach logic in the medieval period, and the different ways they were interpreted by prominent medieval philosophers and logicians.

Course Requirements

Research paper (5000 words) – the student shall write a research paper on a topic of his/her choosing, determined in consultation with the professor. Due at the end of term.

Required texts

All texts will be provided.

Syllabus

1 *Isagoge*

Week 1 – Thomas Aquinas, *In Posteriorum Analyticorum Aristotelis Libros Expositio*, proemium.

Week 2 – John Duns Scotus, *Quaestiones in Porphyrii Isagogen*, qq. 1-3.

2 *Categories*

Week 3 – Thomas Aquinas, *In Aristotelis Metaphysicam Commentaria* V. 9.

Week 4 – John Duns Scotus, *Quaestiones Super Praedicamenta Aristotelis*, qq. 1-4.

Week 5 – Radulphus Brito, *Quaestiones Super Librum Praedicamentorum*, q. 10.

Week 6 – William of Ockham, *Quaestiones Quodlibetales* V. 21.

3 *Liber Sex Principiorum*

Week 7 – Anonymous, the *Liber Sex Principiorum*.

4 *Peri Hermeneias*

Week 8 – John Duns Scotus, *Quaestiones in Primum Librum Perihermeneias*, qq. 5-8.

Week 9 – John Duns Scotus, *Quaestiones in Primum Librum Perihermeneias*, qq. 9-11.

Week 10 – Thomas Aquinas, *In Aristotelis libros Periermenias expositio* Bk. 1, lec. 9-12.

Week 11 – Ockham, *Tractatus de Futuris Contingentibus*.

Week 12 – Peter Abelard, *Glosae Super Periermenias* 12-13, selections.

Week 13 – Cajetan, *In Aristotelis libros Periermenias exposition* Bk 2, lec. 8-12.

5 Boethius' *De Divisione*

Week 14 – Boethius, *De Divisione*.