

**SP609 Spiritual Theology**

<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. John Hayes
<b>Schedule</b>	Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
<b>Description</b>	This course will provide an introduction to the theology, history, and practice of apophatic spirituality as a path of spiritual conversion of heart and mind. Apophatic refers to spiritual practice that intentionally attempts to move through and beyond images to the ineffable reality of the divine. It will emphasize classic Christian mystics and spiritual writers from the Eastern and Western traditions, particularly Augustine, Dionysius, Eriugena, Maximus, Bonaventure, Porete, and Eckhart.
<b>Requirements</b>	Reading: less than 900 pages
	Writing: six 1-page reflection papers, and two 10-page papers (one at mid-semester and one at conclusion of the course)

**Required Texts:**

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Denys Turner, <i>The Darkness of God</i> , Cambridge University Press, 1999, ISBN: 9780520000000.	\$32.00	252
Rowan Williams, <i>Looking East in Winter</i> , Bloomsbury Continuum Press, 2021, ISBN: HB 978-1-4729-8924-6.	\$20.00	235
Michael Sells, <i>Mystical Languages of Unsaying</i> , University of Chicago Press, 1994, ISBN-10: 0-226-74787-5 / ISBN-13: 978-0-226-74787-3.	\$34.00	217