

Franciscan School of Theology
Fall 2015 Course Schedule

Course Title	Course Number/ CRN	Units	Course Level	Instructor/ Time	Description
Theology, Church and World: Introduction to Theology	ST 501 CRN 101	3	Introductory	J. Kiesler M 8-11AM	An introductory course in theology which will discuss sources, methodology, relationship to the world, and an understanding of the Catholic Magisterium. This course will consist of lectures, small group discussion, written midterms and finals as well as a short oral class presentation. Intended audience is first year theology students. Hybrid Format Course: This course will include both in-class and online components.
Introduction to Liberation Theology	ST 604 CRN 118	3	Intermediate	J. Kiesler Th 1-4PM	This course will be an introduction to liberation theology, reviewing its historical development, principal concepts, and shifting fortunes. Special importance will be paid to possible relevance in the context of the United States.
Introduction to Interfaith Dialogue	ST 606 CRN 102	3	Intermediate	R. Murray M 8-11AM	CANCELLED 07/24/2015
Introduction to the Old Testament	OT 501 CRN 103	3	Introductory	G. Galvin Tu 6-9PM	After introducing the Bible and its study, this course seeks to present an integrated overview of the Old Testament, its main theological traditions and the historical contexts in which they grew.
Wisdom Literature	OT 503 CRN 104	3	Intermediate	M. Guinan F 8-11AM	A survey of the wisdom material of the OT, seeing it as an attitude, a movement, and a literature. Wisdom theology is looked at within the context of the OT as well as our contemporary theological situation.
Themes in Franciscan Spirituality	SP 503 CRN 105	3	Introductory	W. Short Tu 1-4PM	An examination of fundamental themes of Franciscan Spirituality: Incarnation; creation, image of God (in nature, in human person); Christocentrism; poverty; Mary and church; brother-sister relationships. Figures will include Francis, Clare, and Bonaventure with some references to later mystics.

Franciscan Traditions of Reconciliation/Peace	SP 602 CRN 106	3	Intermediate	W. Short Th 8 -11AM	Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) is a well-known champion of peace-making, encouraging peace among Muslims and Christians during the time of the Crusades, and working to resolve civil conflicts between opposing parties in Italian city-states. This course will examine the Christian tradition of peace-making before Francis, his place within that tradition, and later peace-makers inspired by his example.
Bio-Medical Ethics	ST 601 CRN 109	3	Intermediate	M. B. Ingham F 8-11AM	This course is designed to provide an historical and analytical review of the substance of Catholic teaching on medical ethics, the style of moral reasoning used in the Catholic tradition and a survey of specific cases as they are debated and decided within the church. The objectives of the course are to provide students with the background and contemporary positions of Catholic teaching on medical ethics, with an understanding of the dynamic of decision and dissent within the tradition and with a review of the public and social positions taken by the Catholic church on biomedical questions.
Synoptic Gospels	NT 504 CRN 107	3	Introductory	E. Constantinou W 6-9PM	An introduction to the Synoptic Gospels, their historical context, theological message, along with questions of their significance for the development of early Christian communities.
Introduction to Liturgy	LS 501 CRN 110	3	Introductory	J. Sabak Fri and Sat Sep 11-12; Dec 4 – 5: Fri 6-9PM Sat 9AM – 4PM Saturdays Only Sep 19 – Nov 20 9AM – 12N No meeting Sat. Oct. 24th (Reading week)	An introductory course on fundamental elements of Catholic Liturgy, including historical development of celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy, organization of liturgical space, important Church norms on liturgical practice and theology.
Why Sacraments? Bonaventure Responds	LS 601 CRN 108	3	Intermediate	W. Hellman Tu 9AM – 12N	This course will investigate St. Bonaventure's sacramental theology, primarily as found in his <i>Commentary on the Sentences of Peter Lombard, Book Four</i> . A study of this text will include attention to his use of sources found in the earlier tradition. Students will creatively pursue how Bonaventure's vision might enrich contemporary sacramental theology.
Ministry Seminar I	PS 501 CRN 111	3	Introductory	T. West W 8-11 AM	This is the first in a series of seminars required for MDiv students. The course consists of lectures on pastoral ministry, field placements, and group theological reflection exercises.

Ministry Seminar III	PS 701 CRN 113	3	Intermediate	K. Schinhofen W 8-11 AM	This is a continuation of the seminars required for MDiv students with a special emphasis on multicultural issues. The course consists of lectures, field placements, and group theological reflection exercises.
Professional Ethics for Ministry	PS 502 CRN 114	1.5	Introductory	T. West Four Saturdays, 9AM – 12N: Sept 12, 19, 26 and Oct 10	Linked to Ministry Seminar I, a series of additional meetings and workshop-format events will provide important formation in Professional Ethics for students preparing for ministry in various sectors of Church and society.
History of Poverty in the US and Roman Catholic Church	HS 504 CRN 115	3	Introductory	J. Burns M 6-9PM	Though the United States has always been regarded as a land of plenty, not all Americans have been able to enjoy its bounty. Since the nation's inception, the poverty of some has been a reality. This course will chart the ebb and flow of poverty in the history of the United States, the nation's response and attitudes towards poverty, and the Roman Catholic Church's response to that poverty.
Spirituality of Dying and Death	SP 603 CRN 116	3	Intermediate	D. Pryds M 1-4PM	This course offers an intermediate overview of the history and practice of dying. Since the subject of this course is universal, there is no pretension of being comprehensive. Instead, this course explores some fundamental issues related to the history and practice of dying and death customs primarily in Christian cultures. Some effort is made to include other religious practices and students will be given ample latitude to explore the subjects and cultures that interest them.
Francis of Assisi and Francis of Rome: Perspectives on the Church	ST 605 CRN 117	3	Intermediate	W. Hellman Th 6-9PM	This course will research and compare a selection of writings of St. Francis and of Pope Francis, in view of understanding their Gospel vision. Their guidelines for ongoing renewal of the ecclesial life of Christians will be critically applied toward Church life today.
History of Women and Religious Leadership	HS 601 CRN 112	3	Intermediate	D. Pryds Tu 6-9PM	This course is an intermediate course exploring the history of women in leadership roles within Christianity. Methodologically, the course explores the topic of how women have achieved leadership roles throughout Christian history, therefore the lectures will be historical in nature and students will be expected to use historical method in their analyses. There will be ample room for student-generated input based on experience and research. In fact, students must anticipate being active co-creators of this course, since the topic is too broad for any single professor to teach in a comprehensive way.

Preaching Practicum	LS 605 CRN 119	1.5	Intermediate		By arrangement
Reconciliation Practicum	LS 606 CRN 120	1.5	Intermediate		By arrangement
Special Reading Course	SRC 599 CRN 121	1 – 12	Introductory		By arrangement
Special Reading Course	SRC 799 CRN 122	1 – 12	Intermediate		By arrangement
Special Reading Course	SRC 899 CRN 124	1 – 12	Advanced		By arrangement
MTS Thesis	MTS 900 CRN 123	1 – 12	Advanced	Advisor	By arrangement
MTS Comprehensive	MTC 900 CRN 126	1 – 12	Advanced	Advisor	By arrangement

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Introductory (500–599)
Intermediate (600–799)
Advanced (800–899)
Thesis (900)

CE Christian Ethics/Moral Theology
HS Historical Studies
LS Liturgical Studies
NT New Testament Studies
OT Old Testament Studies
PS Pastoral Studies
SP Spirituality Studies
ST Systematic Theology
SRC Special Reading Course
MTC MTS Comprehensive
MTS MTS Thesis