

Franciscan School of Theology

Spring 2020 Course Schedule

Course Title	Course Subject	Course Number	CRN Number	Units	Course Level	Instructor /Time	Description
Theology of God & Trinity	ST	702	110	3	Intermediate	Staff M 8-11am USD HSN 103	This is a basic course in the theology of God. We will consider the various understandings of God that have developed within Christianity over history and the challenges that are posed by science, philosophy and atheism. Intended audience would be first or second year MTS or MDiv students
History of Christianity	HS	501	101	3	Introductory	D. Pryds M 6-9 pm USD BEC 004	This introductory class offers an overview of the development of Christianity from its beginnings to the present. In addition, this course offers fundamental research skills that support graduate level study.
Prophets of the Old Testament	OT	502	102	3	Intermediate	M. Guinan T 8-11 am FST	A survey of prophets in the OT proceeding along two axes: 1) an historical overview focusing on the "great" prophets of the 8th/7th/6th centuries; and 2) a thematic overview focusing on how the prophets spoke to their present and to the future.
Spirituality of Dying & Death	SP	603	103	3	Intermediate	D. Pryds T 1-4pm FST	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.
Intercultural Theology	ST	603	104	3	Intermediate	J. Kiesler T 6-9pm FST	A course exploring issues of Catholic theology, mission and indigenous culture.
Modern Social Justice Prophets	HS	505	105	3	Introductory	J. Burns T 6-9pm USD HSN 103	What is a prophet? What is a prophet of social justice in the modern world? This course examines practitioners of social justice through a biographical lens. Walter Rauschenbusch, Mother Jones, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Cesar Chavez, the Berrigan Brothers, A.J. Muste, Oscar Romero and others are presented as models of serious prophetic engagement with the modern world.
Ministry Seminar: Franciscan Ministry Today	PS	605	106	3	Intermediate	M. Day W 8-11am FST	This ministry seminar required for MDiv students will include lectures on pastoral ministry, time in field placements, and group theological reflection exercises. Special attention will be given to ministry to marginalized groups as well as the proper formation of volunteers.
Johannine Writings	NT	602	114	3	Intermediate	E. Constantinou W 1-4pm FST	An overview of the major issues related to the writings of John, their major theological themes, textual issues and context. Prerequisite: NT 501 Intro to New Testament, or instructor permission.
Introduction to New Testament	NT	501	107	3	Introductory	E. Constantinou W 6 -9 pm USD SH 215	This course studies the writings of the New Testament in their historical, cultural, social, and religious contexts. The student is introduced to the basic content, structure, and motifs of the NT. Hybrid
Franciscan Seminar: Social Dimensions of Franciscan Christian Humanism	HS	607	113	3	Intermediate	J. Chinnici W 6-9pm FST	The Franciscan spiritual, theological and social tradition is confronted today with a host of challenges related to the environment, technology, the ascendancy of the market, consumerism, and the formation of political community. Examining primary source material from Francis of Assisi, Alexander of Hales, Bonaventure, Peter John Olivi, and John Duns Scotus, this advanced seminar will interface some of the dimensions of Franciscan humanism with these contemporary issues as they relate to God's presence to creation, the dignity of the person, the poor as a place where heaven touches earth, personal and communal freedom, the use of power, and the life of virtuous action. Affirming, critiquing, and engaging, the Franciscan tradition presents a humanism for our own time.
The Franciscan Movement: Religion and Society	HS	506	115	3	Introductory	Staff Th 1pm-4pm USD SH 215	In May 1318, four Franciscans were burned alive by the Inquisition at the behest of their Provincial superiors; the present course adopts a social-sciences approach to examine these events, the attendant milieu, and the claim made by the contemporaneous friar Ubertino da Casale that, by this time, "the Order was in a state of collapse." Students will be challenged to see the implications for today as well as for their own ministry in situations of controversy.
Franciscan Ecclesiology	ST	701	108	3	Intermediate	J. Freyer Th 6-9pm FST	This course will introduce students to the mystery of the Church as a historically developing reality in which the People of God faithfully strive to understand and express what their life "in Christ" means both for them and for the world. Students will be challenged to see themselves as integral participants in the further development of this mystery, and to develop the critical eye necessary to seeing their present and future ministry in this light. Hybrid

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Fundamental Moral Theology	CE	501	109	3	Introductory	M. Day Th 6 -9 pm USD HSN 108	This course outlines the basic structure and method of Roman Catholic moral theology, with a particular emphasis on the Franciscan moral vision. By means of common readings, discussion, and lectures, it introduces basic concepts of moral theology and moral methods from a Franciscan perspective.
MTS Comprehensive	MTC	900		3.0-12.0	Advanced	Instructor/Advisor	By arrangement
MTS Thesis	MTS	900	111	3.0-12.0	Advanced	Instructor/Advisor	By arrangement
Special Reading Course	SRC	599	112	1 – 12	Introductory	Advisor/Instructor	By arrangement

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

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