

Franciscan School of Theology

Spring 2021

Course Title	Course Subject	Course Number	CRN Number	Units	Course Level	Instructor /Time	Description
Advanced Preaching/Presiding	LS	801		3	Advanced	Weldon by arrangement	This course is designed primarily to be a continuation of LS-605 preaching theory with emphasis on actual preaching in a variety of settings. It is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to consider the problems that the homilist confronts as he attempts to interpret the Gospel to congregations in contemporary settings. It is also a liturgical practicum designed to assess and refine prayer leadership, the pastoral art of presiding at Eucharist and administering the sacraments. Required for 4th year M.Div. students.
Ministry Seminar: Leadership	PS	608		3	Intermediate	Day W 8-11 am	What are the characteristics of effective and adaptive leadership? What sorts of considerations does leadership in a religious context entail? What do Franciscan expectations and traditions of leadership add to this? These are the sorts of questions that animate this leadership seminar, required for M.Div. students. The course consists of lectures on pastoral ministry, discussion, field placements, group theological reflection exercises, and, for students in their fourth semester of ministry seminars, the completion and presentation of capstone projects.
Old Testament Wisdom Literature	OT	503		3	Intermediate	Guinan T 1-4 pm	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.
Introduction to New Testament	NT	501		3	Introductory	Zautzke W 6-9 pm Hybrid	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. Course will be taught in a hybrid fashion with most of the classes on site at USD.
The Letters of St. Paul	NT	601		3	Intermediate	Constantinou W 1-4 pm	An introduction to the Letters of St. Paul, their historical context, theological message, along with questions for their significance for the development of early Christian communities.
History of Christianity II	HS	508		3	Introductory	Chinnici/ Burns M 6-9 pm	A continuation of History of Christianity I, this course covers the development of Christianity from Reformation times to the 20th century. Taught in modules of 6 or 7 week, the first part covers the Reformation to Vatican I (Chinnici) and the second part covers the history of Catholicism in the United States.
Writings of Francis and Clare of Assisi	SP	501		3	Introductory	Short T 8-11 am Hybrid	A careful reading of the complete writings of Francis and Clare of Assisi, exploring their Gospel form of life, the bases of Franciscan spirituality; images of God, Christ, Church, and the human person. All texts available in English translation. No previous study of Franciscan sources necessary. This will be a hybrid course.
Franciscan Spirituality: Varieties of Lived Experience of Faith	SP	800		3	Advanced	Pryds T 6-9 pm Hybrid	How do people live out Franciscan Spirituality? That is the underlying question driving this seminar. We will compare and contrast the experiences of faith of Franciscans--first order friars; second order, Poor Clare Sisters; third order, lay members; and the many other people who are attracted to the Franciscan path. Participants will examine the original inspirations for the popularity of this counter-cultural movement in the 13th century and the varieties of living out this spiritual path. The second half of the seminar will examine 21st century applications of this counter-cultural spirituality of poverty; Christ-centered awareness; and love of all creation. This is an advanced MA level seminar that will include reading and discussion of primary documents and scholarly monographs/articles. Grading will be based on class participation and analytical writing assignments, namely an analytical book review, an annotated bibliography of scholarly works, and a research project. There will be space for personal reflection, but the focus will be on scholarly engagement with the materials.
Interpreting the Church Today	HS	503		3	Intermediate	Chinnici/Burns W 6-9 pm	An exploration of major Church documents from Vatican II to present, within context of social and ecclesial developments and historical trends. After reviewing the development of the Church from the time of Vatican I to Vatican II, the course will use the documents of the Council and the post-conciliar world to explore such themes as the Church in a global world, dialogue, collegiality, ecumenism, priestly identity in the context of lay-clerical relationships, the role of women in the Church, the development of parochial life, the policies and teaching of the papacy, etc.
God and Trinity	ST	702		3	Intermediate	Faculty M 8-11 am	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
Sacraments of the Church	LS	604		3	Intermediate	Freyer M 6-9 pm	An exploration of the sacraments of the Catholic Church, their scriptural and historical background, development over the centuries and current practice. Special emphasis will be placed upon the Franciscan tradition in the theology of the sacraments.
Intercultural Theology	ST	603		3	Intermediate	Kiesler Th 6-9 pm	A course exploring issues of Catholic theology, mission and indigenous culture, designed to complement Global Theological Education Initiatives.

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Canon Law: Introduction, Canon Law/Marriage	CL	501		3	Introductory	TBD By arrangement Hybrid	Divided into parts, this course covers the Introduction to Canon Law and Marriage Law. Throughout the entire course the emphasis will be on the pastoral application of law to ministerial situations. Balanced pastoral application of the law presumes healthy comprehension of the essential concepts underpinning the legal norms and wise weighting of the facts in a particular case. Required for 4th year M.Div. students.
Theology of the Religious and Diocesan Presbyter	ST	606		1.5	Advanced	Chinnici By arrangement	The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of a theology of the priesthood in the Roman Catholic tradition, to integrate this theology into the various settings for t priestly callings within the Church, and to enable the participants to discover some best practices that en flesh this theology in pastoral work. Required of 4th year M.Div. students.
Fundamental Moral Theology	CE	501		3	Introductory	Day Th 6-9 pm	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		3-12	Advanced	Instructor/Advisor	
MTS Thesis	MTS	900		3-12	Advanced	Instructor/Advisor	
Special Reading Course	SRC	599		1-12	Introductory	Instructor/Advisor	
Special Reading Course	SRC	799		1-12	Intermediate	Instructor/Advisor	
Special Reading Course	SRC	899		1-12	Advanced	Instructor/Advisor	

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

*Course Schedule subject to revision by Office of the Dean.