

Franciscan School of Theology
Fall 2018 Course Schedule

Course Title	Course Subject	Course Number	CRN Number	Units	Course Level	Instructor /Time	Description
Spirituality of Dying and Death	SP	603		3	Intermediate	D. Pryds Tu 1-4 PM	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.
New Evangelization and Ethics in the Digital Age				3	Intermediate	M. Carbajo Tu 1-4 PM	The Church “would feel guilty before the Lord” (EN 45) if she did not utilize the new media for evangelization, because for many people they are “the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration” (RM 37). This course will study the ethical challenges in communications technology that are also boundless opportunities for evangelization. We will explore the new role of Parish priests, catechists and teachers in educating the “mobile-born” generations and facing challenges, such as cyberbullying and exhibitionism in social networks. We will also study the possible use of new technologies in running the parish and celebrating the liturgy. Our analysis will be inspired at Catholic Social Teaching and Franciscan Spirituality.
History of the Immigrant Church	HS	502		3	Introductory	J. Burns M 6-9 PM	The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has always been an immigrant Church. This course will chart the course of the immigrant church by examining the waves of immigrants to the United States and their impact on the Church. The course will examine the interaction of Early European arrivals with the Native American peoples. Then the various immigrant groups will be examined in their historical context: Spanish, English, French, Irish, German, Polish, Italian, African Americans, Mexican and other Latino groups, Filipino, Vietnamese, and other Asian groups. The interaction of these groups has resulted in recurrent conflict and surprising accommodations. The historical experience of the immigrant church will raise serious concerns for the contemporary Church. Lecture format with research paper required.
Catholic Social Teaching and Laudato Si				3	intermediate	M. Carbajo M 6-9 PM	“Catholic social teaching (CST) is a central and essential element of our faith” and so there is an urgent need of a strengthened commitment to sharing it “at every level of Catholic education and faith formation” (USCCB). This course will study CST, with a special focus on the encyclical Laudato Si’, in order to develop skills for critically applying this teaching to present ethical dilemmas and to topics related to social justice and integral ecology. The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition will be also a source of inspiration.