

Franciscan School of Theology

Fall 2021 Course Schedule

In-Person Degree Program Courses

Course Title	Course Subject	Course Number	CRN Number	Units	Course Level	Instructor /Time	Description
Theology, Church and World: Introduction to Theology	ST	501	138	3	Introductory	Kielser M 6pm-9pm KIPJ Room H	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, required introduction (Hybrid)
Introduction to the Old Testament	OT	501	140	3	Introductory	Guinan Th 6pm-9pm KIPJ 223	After a brief introduction to the Bible as a whole and various approaches to it, this course seeks to present an overview of the Old Testament by studying its main literary works, theological traditions, and the historical contexts in which they grew. The primary focus is on theology and spirituality
Introduction to Liturgy	LS	501	141	3	Introductory	Bergin TBD/4 weekends MH 222	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.
Franciscan Christology	ST	503	139	3	Introductory	Blastic/Ingham W 6pm-9pm SH 215	This basic course in Christology focuses on the particular contribution of Franciscan thinkers, the importance of the intercultural dialogue today and the significance of Franciscan spirituality for the third millennium. Student work includes regular reflection papers, one major paper/project and one midterm exam.
Modern Social Justice Prophets	HS	505	164	3	Introductory	Burns M 6pm-9pm BEC 004	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.
History of Christianity I	HS	507	156	3	Introductory	Short/Pryds W 6pm-9pm BEC 004	The first part of a two semester course in the history of Christianity the semester will have two modules of 6/7 classes each: the development of early and ancient Christianity (Short), and medieval Christianity, Gregory the Great to the eve of the Reformation (Pryds)
Accompanying Families	CE	610	165	3	Intermediate	Day Tu 8am-11am KIPJ 214	Families are a critical component of our Church as well as contemporary society. And yet, findings reveal that parishes and communities could better support families and in a number of ways. Drawing upon Church documents—including Amoris Laetitia—and current sociological research, this course will explore the challenges contemporary families face, lift up the graces they offer us, and discover ways to better accompany them as they strive to live in loving discipleship. This course fulfills the MDiv advanced ethics requirement. (Hybrid)
Information Technology and Ethics	CE	601	163	3	Intermediate	Carbajo M 8am-11am	This course deals with ethical issues associated with Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), along with other topics related to robotics and artificial intelligence (AI). ICT are reshaping our lifestyles, our perception of reality and our symbolic understanding of the world. For many people ICT are "the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration" (RM 37). In the light of Catholic social teaching (CST), this course will reflect on how to inhabit responsibly the new cultural environment that the ICT have created. We will also explore how to use them in running the parish, celebrating the liturgy and evangelizing.
Mark and Matthew	NT	604	162	3	Intermediate	Constantinou W 1pm-4pm Learning Commons 105	An introduction to the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, their historical context, theological message, along with questions of their significance for the development of early Christian communities. Prerequisite: NT 501 Intro to NT or permission of instructor.
Ministry Seminar: Franciscan Ministry Today	PS	605	168	3	Intermediate	Staff/Day W 8am-11am	
Fran. Seminar: Lives of Francis & Clare	SP	607	167	3	Intermediate	Blastic Tu 6pm-9pm	The Lives of the Saints (hagiography) provide a rich source for the study of Christian spirituality. In the Franciscan tradition, the Lives composed at the time of the canonization of Francis and Clare of Assisi began a long tradition of retelling their story that continues to the present day. This seminar will explore the major Lives of the two saints of Assisi, their authors and major emphases. Recent scholarship on the interpretation of these texts will help students to situate them in the broader context of Christian spirituality.
Integral Ecology and Universal Fraternity: Catholic Social Teaching	CE	611	166	3	Intermediate	Carbajo W 8am-11am	In the light of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), and more specifically of the encyclicals Laudato si' (LS) and Fratelli tutti (FT), this course will study the current ethical challenges about integral ecology and universal fraternity. In the common house, "everything is connected" (LS) and we are all connected (FT). The Pope recognizes that Francis of Assisi inspired him to write both encyclicals, so we will explore also their Franciscan roots. Indeed, "it was the evangelical witness of St. Francis, with his school of thought, that gave the term 'fraternity' the meaning it then preserved over the centuries," says the Pope.
Special Reading Course	SRC	599	142	3-12	Introductory	Advisor/Instructor	

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Special Reading Course	SRC	799	143	3-12	Intermediate	Advisor/Instructor	
Special Reading Course	SRC	899	144	3-12	Advanced	Advisor/Instructor	
MTS Thesis	MTS	900	146	3-12	Advanced	Instructor	
MTS Comprehensive	MTC	900	145	3-12	Advanced	Instructor	

Introductory (500–599)	CE	Christian Ethics/Moral Theology
Intermediate (600–799)	HS	Historical Studies
Advanced (800–899)	LS	Liturgical Studies
Thesis (900)	NT	New Testament Studies
Comprehensive (900)	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.

Online MTS Program Courses

Course Title	Course Subject	Course Number	CRN Number	Units	Course Level	Instructor /Time	Description
Following Francis	MTS	510	N/A	3	Introductory	Pryds M-F 9/7-10/25	
Introduction to Franciscan Theology	MTS	515	N/A	3	Introductory	Short M-F 10/26-12/13	