

Fall 2022 In-Person Degree Program Courses							
Mary, Mother of God: History, Spirituality and Theology	HS	602	127	3	Intermediate	Blastic, Mon. 1-4pm	Mariology is the theological study of the person of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and of her place in the economy of salvation. This course will examine the historical and theological development of the Christian understanding of Mary's role in Christian belief, devotion and the life of believers from its foundation in scripture to the present day. Special attention will be given to the Franciscan tradition concerning Mary's role in salvation history and the life of the church with an emphasis on the contemporary retrieval of the tradition. Requirements include readings, reflection papers, and a final paper that will be developed throughout the semester.
Church's Social Teaching	CE	602	110	3	Intermediate	M. Carbajo, Thurs. 6-9pm	"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. The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition will be also a source of inspiration.
Gospel of Luke	NT	603	112	3	Intermediate	J. Constantinou, Wed. 1-4pm	This course is a careful study of the gospel of Luke with some attention given to Acts of the Apostles. We will explore these documents from a literary and historical perspective with the objective of uncovering the author's intended meaning and message. To this end, we will examine the historical, cultural, and geographical setting of the gospel and Acts as well as its authorship, audience, literary techniques and characteristics, theology and important themes. We will also study the history of the reception of these writings, and compare the purpose, themes and orientation of Luke's Gospel with the other synoptic gospels.
Parish Administration	LS	603	116	1.5	Intermediate	Flanagan, Wed. 1-2:20pm	Fundamental approaches to parish administration, case studies, personnel development and monitoring, financial responsibilities, etc. that confront contemporary administrators of parishes and other non-profits. 4th year M.Div. requirement.
Fran. Seminar: Voluntarism	HS	605	111	3	Intermediate	Carbajo, Tues. 1-4pm	This reading course/seminar explores the topic of Franciscan voluntarism and its current relevance in facing ethical challenges, especially those related to communication, technology, and the environment. Thus, there will be a two-fold approach to the Franciscan emphasis on the will: 1) in its historical development, by examining primary source material from Bonaventure, Olivi, Scotus, and Ockham, 2) in its relevance today.
Preaching Practicum	LS	605	120	3	Intermediate	Dan Lackie, Tues. 8-11am	Introduction to preaching the Word of God, with principles of speech/rhetoric, style, involves practicum and video presentations; hybrid in presentation. 4th year M.Div. requirement
Ministry Seminar: Intercultural Ministry	PS	606	113	3	Intermediate	J. Gillman, Wed. 9-12pm, Hybrid	This seminar, required for M.Div. students, will cover major issues and concepts that characterize intercultural ministry, with a primary focus on those surrounding race and ethnicity, gender, and positionality. Students will learn practices and perspectives that will help them provide a more sensitive, aware and effective ministry in a variety of intercultural contexts. The course consists of lectures on pastoral ministry, discussion, field placements, and group theological reflection exercises. (Completion or concurrent enrollment in Professional Ethics of Ministry required.)
Reconciliation Practicum	LS	606	117	1.5	Advanced	M. Weldon, Fri. 9:30-10:55am	Roman Catholic Rite of Reconciliation. A general investigation of contributions of moral, sacramental, liturgical and pastoral theology. Based in pastoral practice in a parish setting, the class focuses on prayer leadership, spiritual direction multicultural dimensions of confessional practice, addiction and codependency, and some canon law issues. Class will require class role play & video presentations for critique. 4th year M.Div. requirement
Special Reading Course	SRC	599			Introductory	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	799			Intermediate	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	899			Advanced	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
MTS Thesis	MTS	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
MTS Comprehensive	MTC	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
	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

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Course Title	Subject	Course Number	CRN	Units	Course Level	Instructor/Dates/Times	Course Description
Generous Leadership: Cultivating Stewardship	PS	505	126	1.5	Introductory	Day, Thurs. Oct 27-Dec. 15, 8-11am, Hybrid	Asking people to be generous with their money, for either a general or specific cause, is difficult for many people. However, when done in a spirit of Christ-centered, generous leadership, this can be a transformative encounter for all involved. Financial support is also critical for mission; joyful stewardship can be cultivated by your leadership, whether you are preparing for ordained or lay ministry, or will serve at a parish or non-profit. Using readings, guest speakers, applied assignments, role plays, and more, this course explores the complexity, challenges and possibility in faith-based financial stewardship and develops the habits, skills, and confidence to cultivate financial and relational resources as a practice of Christ-shaped ministry.
Theology Church and World: Introduction	ST	501	101	3	Introductory	J. Kiesler, Mon. 6-9pm	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.
Introduction to Old Testament	OT	501	103	3	Introductory	B. Kruger, Wed. 6-9pm	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	104	3	Introductory	L. Bergin, Four Weekend Sessions (Fri./Sat.), Sep. 16-17, Oct. 7-8, Nov. 11-12, Dec. 2-3 Fridays 6-9pm; Saturdays 9am-4pm	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	102	3	Intermediate	Blastic, Wed. 6-9pm	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.
Ethics of Professional Ministry	PS	502	114	1.5	Introductory	Day, Thurs. Sep 1-Oct. 13, 8-11am, Hybrid	Designed for students on their first semester of ministry, 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 Christianity I	HS	507	119	3	Introductory	Short/Mousseau, Thurs. 6-9pm	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)
The Catholic Literary Imagination	HS	600	121	3	Intermediate	Burns, Thurs. 1-4pm	The Catholic literary imagination provides a unique lens to view the world. Do Catholic novelists and poets offer a distinct vision of the world? This course will examine such core concepts as sacrament; creation; transcendence; sin, suffering, death, and redemption; mercy and forgiveness; the nature of God; and the ultimate meaning of life. How does the Catholic literary imagination speak to and in a multicultural, pluralistic society today? How has it changed over time? Authors: F. Scott Fitzgerald, Graham Greene, Shusaku Endo, Flannery O'Connor, Walker Percy, J.F. Powers, Alice McDermott, Mary Gordon, Gene Luen Yang, Phil Klay, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Francis Thomson, Jack Kerouac, Thomas Merton, and Daniel Berrigan.
Sexual Morality and Bioethics	CE	613	125	3	Intermediate	N. Hibner, Four Weekend Sessions (Fri./Sat.), Sep. 16-17, Oct. 14-15, Nov. 11-12, Dec. 9-10 Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 9am-4pm	This course will build upon the foundations of moral theology by examining the Church's moral tradition regarding sexuality and bioethics. The course will utilize both primary source materials in dialogue with modern theological interpretations. The student will leave the course with a better understanding of the elements comprising the Church's sexual teachings along with the principles, virtues, and values that guide a Catholic approach to bioethical challenges.
Spirituality for Sustainability: Leading Socio-ecological Transformation	PS	610	128	3	Intermediate	Warner, Nine Thursday classes (2-5pm): Sep. 8, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 Three Saturday workshops (10am-4pm): Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3	Students will deepen their understanding of the social justice ethics, eco-spirituality and theories of change that foster authentic transformation. This course will feature Laudato Si, its call for global socio-ecological transformation, and its vision of ecological education and spirituality as pathways to a more sustainable future. As a result of this class, students will develop and articulate their personal leadership philosophy, rooted in ethics and spirituality, and create a toolkit of practices that will nurture that philosophy over time. The final project will support and deepen a real-world initiative in socio-ecological change, such as the Laudato Si Action Platform.

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	Comprehensive (900)					OT	Old Testament Studies
						PS	Pastoral Studies
						SP	Spirituality Studies
						ST	Systematic Theology
						SRC	Special Reading Course
*Course Schedule and description subject to revision by Office of the VP of Academic Affairs							