

Fall 2023**In-Person Degree Program
Courses**

Course Title	Subject	Course Number	CRN	Units	Course Level	Instructor/Dates/Times	Course Description
Theology, Church and World: Introduction	ST	501	101	3	Introductory	Kiesler Monday, 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	102	3	Introductory	Zautcke Wednesday, 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	103	3	Introductory	Bergin Fridays, 4:30-7:30pm Saturdays, 9am-4pm Hybrid (Specific dates in course description)	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. Friday sessions: 9/8, 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1 Saturday sessions: 9/9, 12/2
Franciscan Christology	ST	503	104	3	Introductory	Blastic Monday, 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.
Modern Social Justice Prophets	HS	505	105	3	Introductory	Burns Wednesday, 1-4pm	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	106	3	Introductory	Mousseau Thursday, 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, and medieval Christianity, Gregory the Great to the eve of the Reformation

Information Technology and Ethics	CE	601	108	3	Intermediate	Carbajo Thursday, 8-11am	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.
Johannine Literature	NT	602	115	3	Intermediate	Kruger Wednesday, 6-9pm	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.
Ministry Seminar: Spirituality of Ministry	PS	607	129	3	Intermediate	Day Wednesday, 8-11am	This ministry seminar required for M.Div. students will include lectures on pastoral ministry, time in field placements, and group theological reflection exercises. Special attention will be given to the spirituality of ministry.
Preaching Practicum	LS	605	120	3	Intermediate	Robinson Wednesday, 9-12pm	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
Franciscan Mystical Tradition	SP	609	113	3	Intermediate	Short Monday, 8-11am Hybrid	Exploration of major authors of the Franciscan mystical tradition from the 13th through 16th centuries: Francis, Clare, Bonaventure, Angela of Foligno, Hendrik Herp, Francisco de Osuna and Bernardino of Laredo. We will examine their contribution to the spiritual life and practice among Franciscan men and women, religious and lay. All works available in English. Lecture and discussion format, via Zoom, with additional course resources on Blackboard course site.
Holy Spirit in Church and Life	ST	610	116	3	Intermediate	Blastic Thursday, 1-4pm	This course will explore the identity and mission of the Holy Spirit in the church and Christian life, through engagement with scriptural, patristic, medieval Franciscan and contemporary voices from both the Eastern and Western theological traditions. Requirements include regular reflection papers, journal article reviews, and a final paper which uses the course content to develop a summative project in consultation with the instructor.

Eco-Theology and Indigenous Cultures	CE	612	114	3	Intermediate	Carbajo Tuesday, 1-4pm	This course will focus on ecotheology with a special attention to indigenous cultures. We will assume that these cultures can improve the Western approach and help us to properly address the current ecological crisis. So far, indigenous communities have been under-represented in Catholic theology, but the 2019 Amazon Synod proposes new pathways for the Church in that region so that she may have an Amazonian and indigenous face. The Church has thus shown the need to promote a deeper inculturation of the faith in the various indigenous cultures. Indeed, our faith is diverse and at the same time unified; consequently, local theologies as well as culture are important for the Church, also in addressing ecological issues. The openness of the Franciscan intellectual tradition to universal fraternity and to the individuality of each being lays the basis for ecotheology and for a harmonious integration between Western scientific knowledge and the wisdom of indigenous peoples.
Spirituality in the time of Climate Crisis: Leadership, Ethics, and Laudato Si	CE	615	107	3	Introductory	Warner Thursday, 5:30-8:20pm	Our disruption of Earth's life support systems poses existential threats to human society and its future. How can we nurture innovation and leadership to create equitable solutions? How can we reimagine ethics and spirituality in service of social transformation? As a result of this class, students will design, develop and articulate their personal leadership philosophy, rooted in ethics and spirituality, and create toolkit of practices that will nurture that philosophy over time. The final project will support and deepen a real-world entrepreneurial initiative in socio-ecological change, such as those on the Laudato Si Action Platform.
MA Thesis	MA	900	111	.25-6	Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
MTS Thesis	MTS	900	112	.25-6	Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
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 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
	Comprehensive (900)				OT	Old Testament Studies
					PS	Pastoral Studies
					SP	Spirituality Studies
					ST	Systematic Theology
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