

Fall 2026**In-Person Degree Program Courses**

Course Title	Units	Course Level	Instructor/Dates/Times/Rm	Course Description
Theology, Church and World: Introduction to Theology	3	Introductory	Lee Thursday, 6pm - 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. Required course for first year students.
Introduction to Old Testament	3	Introductory	Constantinou Wednesday, 6pm - 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. Required course for first year students.
History of Christianity I	3	Introductory	Mousseau Thursday, 1pm - 4pm	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. Required course for first year students.
Fundamental Moral Theology	3	Introductory	Carbajo Nuñez Monday, 6pm - 9pm	In line with OT 16, this course examines the foundations of Christian ethical living. Key topics include the structure of human acts, natural law, moral principles, conscience, the fundamental option, virtues, sin, conversion, the role of Scripture and the Magisterium. Students are expected to develop a clear and practical understanding of these core concepts. Required course for first year students.
Ethics of Professional Ministry	1.5	Introductory	O'Brien Thursday, 9am - 10:30pm	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.
Ministry Seminar: Intercultural Ministry	3	Intermediate	Lee / Sabak Wednesday, 9am - 12pm	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.
Franciscan Christology	3	Introductory	Lee Monday, 1pm - 4pm	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.

Sexual Morality and Bioethics	3	Intermediate	Nairn Wednesday, 1pm - 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. Prerequisite: CE 501 Fundamental Moral Theology
Synoptics: Matthew and Mark	3	Intermediate	Kruger Wednesday, 6pm - 9pm	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.
Catholic Social Teaching	3	Intermediate	Carbajo Nuñez Thursday, 6pm - 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 help students to develop skills for critically applying CST to present ethical dilemmas, social justice, and integral ecology. Students will be invited to reflect together on the practical dimensions of each of the topics addressed and on how to apply them to specific aspects of parish ministry and evangelization. The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition will be also a source of inspiration.
Modern Social Justice Prophets	3	Introductory	Burns Thursday, 1pm - 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.
Children, Liturgy, and Ministry	3	Intermediate	O'Brien Monday, 9am - 12pm	This course explores the relationship between children and Christian liturgy from historical, theological, and pastoral/ practical perspectives. Topics include the history and theology of the sacramental initiation of children, the spirituality of children, liturgical catechesis for children, and recent movements towards engaging children more actively in liturgical prayer. Prerequisite: LS 501 Introduction to Liturgy.
Parish Administration	1.5	Intermediate	Mansha/Mousseau Tuesday, 1pm - 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.
Reconciliation Practicum	1.5	Intermediate	Bagley Tuesday, 2:40pm - 4pm	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.
Preaching Practicum	3	Intermediate	Robinson Tuesday, 9am - 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.