

CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES (UNDERGRADUATE) 24HRS

CAT 402 – CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (3 CH)

This course introduces students to the Catechism of the Catholic Church as resources for faith and prayer. It examines the history, including catechisms in other denominations. It also studies its structure, artwork, spirituality, and relation to other catechetical documents, such as the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.

HIS 400 – CHURCH HISTORY: EARLY CHURCH (3CH)

This course introduces the History of the Early Church A.D. 50-313. It will touch the Apostolic Fathers, Practices of the Early Church; Organizations of the Early Church, Early Heresies and Schisms; Orthodox responses, the 2nd. And 3rd. Century Church Fathers, Late persecutions; Summary of Ante-Nicene Church History, Constantine and the legalization of Christianity, Imperial meddling in the church, the Doctrine of the Trinity, the Arian heresy, and the Council of Nicaea, Christological controversy, Council of Chalcedon and Augustine and the Pelagian controversy.

HIS 401 - CHURCH HISTORY: MIDDLE AGES & REFORMATION (3CH)

This course gives an overview of the Middle Ages, the decline of Christian Practice, the Anselm's Cur Deus Homo (Why God Became Man), Christianization of the Barbarians, the later Middle Ages, the Scholastics, the Mystics and the Early Reformers, the Medieval art and architecture, the Reformation, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, the

Anabaptists, John Calvin, the English Reformation, the Puritans, Protestant Scholasticism and the first 150 years of Protestantism.

CAT 405 – THE SACRAMENTS: RITES, ROOTS, AND RITUALS (3 CH)

This course presents the experience and theology of the sacraments how they partake and unfold within the ministry and church in its history.

THEO 406 – CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN MORALITY (3 CH)

This course explores current moral issues in personal life, work/profession, and sociopolitical life. Students will focus on a particular moral issue such as abortion or nuclear war or on the theoretical and practical implications of contemporary moral theory in a broad category of contemporary life such as sexuality or politics.

SPIRT 419 – CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: TERESA OF AVILA AND JOHN OF THE CROSS (3CH), *STUDENTS MAY ASK FOR ANOTHER SPIRITUALITY COURSE FROM OUR CATALOGUE

This course examines the attempts to animate the Carmelite tradition through the social and religious turbulence of the later Middle Ages and how these attempts influenced the later Carmelite tradition, which culminated the reforms of St. Teresa.

REL-ED 420 – FUNDAMENTALS OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (3 CH)

This course focuses on the models of instruction in religious education such as models of educating and learning, and the administrative role and responsibilities that come with leadership skills.

PAS-COUN 421 – PRINCIPLES IN PASTORAL COUNSELING (3 CH)

This course is religious and social psychological introduction to the basic stance of pastoral care and counseling. It explores how pastoral counseling is like and not like secular counseling practice and articulates the unique characteristics of forms of counseling calling themselves pastoral.

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