

## **PHD IN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY**

### **Prerequisites:**

If a student wishes to graduate with the Ph.D. in Christian Spiritual Theology they need a Master of Theology.

**If the student wishes to graduate with a Master of Christian Spiritual Theology they can take the following courses:**

GEC 505 – Old Testament Spirituality	3
GEC 515 – New Testament Spirituality	3
SPI 512 – Spirituality of the Church Fathers	3
SPI 514 – Spirituality of the Desert Fathers	3
CPC 501 – Clinical Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction	4
SPI 517 – Benedictine Spirituality: Benedict and Scholastica	3
SPI 519 – Carmelite Spirituality: Teresa of Avila/ John of the Cross	3
SPI 521 – World Religions and there Spirituality	3
CAT 502 – Seminar: Writings and Spirituality of Vatican II	3
SPI 522 – Ignatian Spirituality: Ignatius of Loyola	3
SPI 530 – Social Justice Spirituality	3

**Total: 36 Credit Hours**

**SOME OF THE SPRITUALITY COURSES CAN BE REPLACED BY OTHER  
SPRITUALITY COURSES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ACADEMIC  
DEAN.**

***\*Books can be selected at: Spirituality Bibliography #2:  
Spirituality of the Church Fathers if you Google it.***

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#### **GEC 505 - Old Testament Spirituality (3)**

**This course examines spirituality as a facet of human life flowing from a practice of God, shaped and nourished in the Christian Community. Thus it explores biblical, historical and liturgical proportions of spirituality.**

#### **GEC 515 - New Testament Spirituality (3)**

**This course examines spirituality as a facet of human life flowing from a practice of God, shaped and nourished in the Christian Community. Thus it explores biblical, historical and liturgical dimensions of spirituality focused on the following of Christ in the New Testament.**

### **SPI 512 - Spirituality of the Church Fathers (3)**

**This course focuses on the readings, analysis and discussion of the writings of the Church Fathers. These texts are examined with attention to their original socio-cultural setting, their distinctive spiritual contours and their relevant important for spirituality.**

### **SPI 514 - Spirituality of the Desert Fathers (3)**

**This course focuses on the readings, analysis and discussion of the writings of the Desert Fathers. These tests are examined with attention to their original socio-cultural setting, their distinctive spiritual contours and their relevant important for spirituality.**

### **SPI 515 - Byzantine Spirituality (3)**

**This description of this course is as the above, but basing it on the Byzantine Spirituality.**

**CPC 501 - Clinical Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction  
(4)**

**This course introduces the process of spiritual direction, its goals and models, as well as the development of listening and responding skills needed for its effective practice. Selected topics include the history, nature and theological foundations of the ministry.**

**SPI 517 - Benedictine Spirituality: Benedict and Scholastica (3)**

**This course examines the early documents and development of the Benedictine Order and its spirituality from its foundation.**

**SPI 518 - Franciscan Spirituality: Francis/ Clare of Assisi  
(3)**

**This course examines the early documents and development of the Franciscan Order and its spirituality from its foundation.**

**SPI 519 - Carmelite Spirituality: Teresa of Avila/ John of the Cross (3)**

**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 in the reforms of St. Teresa.**

**SPI 520 - Augustinian Spirituality (3)**

**This course examines the spirituality and writings of St. Augustine spiritual aspects and formation.**

**SPI 521 - World Religions and their Spirituality (3)**

**This course explores and examines the different world religions and their spirituality.**

**CAT 502 - Seminar: Spirituality of Vatican II (3)**

**This course examines the writings and spiritual dimensions of Vatican II.**

**SPI 522 - Ignatian Spirituality: Ignatius of Loyola (3)**

**This course focuses on the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his spirituality.**

**SPI 523 - Redemptorist Spirituality: Alphonsus (3)**

**This course examines the spirituality of St. Alphonsus of Ligouri.**

**SPI 523 - Salesian Spirituality: Francis de Sales/Jane de Chantal (3)**

**This course examines the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal.**

**SPI 530 - Social Justice Spirituality (3)**

**This course examines the different Social Justice ways of thinking and writings, such as Oscar Romero and many other heroes that have fought for the liberation of theology and spirituality.**

**SPI 535 - Liturgy and Spirituality (3)**

**This course examines the differences and yet unity in the Liturgy and Spirituality.**

**SPI 537 - Spirituality and the Arts (3)**

**This course examines the differences and yet unity in the Arts and Spirituality.**

**DSP-D 700 - Doctorate Dissertation Thesis: (6)**

**Select a topic for research that is of the nature in Spiritual Theology. This can be from the precious studies that have been done in the previous courses.**

**Total Credit Hours: 61**

