

## THEOLOGY 2017-18

<u>Freshman</u> Theology I Franciscan Leadership	<u>Sophomore</u> Theology II Authentic Femininity Franciscan Leadership	<u>Junior</u> Theology III Theology Foundations Authentic Femininity Franciscan Leadership <u>Even Grad. Years:</u> Ecumenism & Interreligious Dialogue <u>Odd Grad. Years:</u> Church History through the Saints	<u>Senior</u> Theology IV Theology Foundations Authentic Femininity Franciscan Leadership <u>Even Grad. Years:</u> Ecumenism & Interreligious Dialogue <u>Odd Grad. Years:</u> Church History through the Saints
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Theology classes are required for all students. In addition to Theology classes, the following activities are offered for the religious formation of students at Notre Dame: Reconciliation Services, all-school Masses, Campus Ministry conferences with area priests, Day of Recollection, school-sponsored retreat experiences and diocesan-sponsored spiritual experiences.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Year(s) Offered</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
616-617	<u>Theology I</u> <i>Faith and Revelation: Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture</i> – Semester 1 Following the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' curriculum framework, this course will provide an introduction to the Sacred Scriptures and to the unfolding of salvation history, with a particular focus on Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of salvation history. Revelation, both divine and natural, is explored, as are inspiration, interpretation and exegesis.  <i>The Blessed Trinity</i> – Semester 2 Continuing the USCCB's curriculum, in this course the students explore the mystery by which there is one God in three Persons. This course breaks down the mysteries of God and the attributes associated with each of the Persons to help students understand its implications for living the Christian life.	(1)	2 sem.	1.0 cr.	
614-615	<u>Theology II</u> <i>The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation</i> – Semester 1 Continuing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's curriculum, this course explores our salvation through the Paschal Mystery. The students encounter the mystery and glory of the suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. The course also explores how the Paschal Mystery informs our daily lives, our prayer, and our participation in the life of the Church.  <i>The Church: Christ in the World Today</i> – Semester 2 Continuing the USCCB's curriculum, this course guides the students in exploring and understanding the Catholic Church, as well as its origin, structure, and mission. Additionally, the course addresses the roles of the hierarchy, those in religious life, and the laity in supporting the mission of the Church.	(2)	2 sem.	1.0 cr.	
606-607	<u>Theology III</u> <i>Sacraments: Source of our Life in Christ</i> – Semester 1 Continuing the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's curriculum, the Sacraments provides an opportunity to encounter Christ in a full and real way. The focus of this course is to help students learn about the Seven Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, in order to enable them to more fully participate in them. The course also explores the history, scriptural foundation, and current practices of the sacraments with particular attention to the second section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The students will investigate the origin, nature, and effects of the efficacious signs of God's grace that are the Church's greatest treasures.	(3)	2 sem.	1.0 cr.	

*Moral Life in Christ – Semester 2*

Continuing the USCCB's curriculum, this course presents the theological concepts of the Catholic Faith. With particular emphasis on the third section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and *Veritatis Splendor*. The students will investigate the moral teaching of the Church and ways to apply it to the Christian life in the Catholic tradition, especially in our current culture. Students face countless choices and challenges in their daily lives. This course addresses how a relationship with Christ and the Church can lead to choices that are in accord with God's plan. The students learn what it means to live as a disciple of Christ and how the Church strengthens this discipleship.

600-601 Theology IV (4) 2 sem. 1.0 cr.

*Social Justice and Political Responsibility – Semester 1*

The fall semester of Senior Theology is built around the text, *Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action*. Using added material from Church documents and scripture, the course will challenge the student to apply the message of Jesus and His Church to the struggles for justice and peace taking place today. Students will look at ways to do works of mercy and works of social action in line with the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching identified by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops in their document, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions, A Reflection of the US Bishops*.

*Lifestyles: Expectations of Today's World – Semester 2*

The spring semester begins with a unit on Catholic apologetics. Students will learn how to explain and defend Catholic beliefs and traditions, then the emphasis will shift to Christian Lifestyles. Using the text, *Vocation: Our Response to God's Call*, students will explore blessings and challenges associated with each Christian Lifestyle. The course will present general information about the single state, consecrated religious life, ordained ministry and marriage. A universal call to holiness will be emphasized. The sacraments of matrimony and holy orders will be covered. The course will also include discussion of human sexuality and the Theology of the Body.

612 Theology Foundations (3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.

*Prerequisite:* Student must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA

*Dual Credit Option:* 3 hours credit from Saint Louis University ([1818 ACC Theo100 - Theological Foundations](#))

The Theological Foundations course (THEO 100) seeks to educate students in the discipline of theology (the study of God) in light of human experience, biblical origins, historical foundations, and historical developments of the Christian tradition. The course provides opportunity for human enrichment through creative questioning, awareness of Christian cultures, comparative study of other cultural and religious contexts, and a balanced appreciation of Christianity as a vital element in our global heritage. **Theological Foundations is a required course for all students attending Saint Louis University.**

619 Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue Offered even graduating years only (3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.

This course is an elective in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's curriculum framework. It explores the Church's desire and actions for reuniting all Christians as well as the doctrinal differences that keep Christians separated from the Church. We will look specifically at the Eastern Catholic Churches, Eastern Orthodox Churches, and mainline Protestant denominations. The students will also learn, through the lens of Catholic Church teaching, the basic history, beliefs and practices of the major non-Christian religions, which include the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Islam, and the eastern religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Baha'i. They will also look at the results of the Church's official dialogue with these religions.

624 Authentic Femininity (2,3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.

For ladies only. This class will explore the idea of Authentic Femininity as it relates to the Catholic Church, specifically focusing on an understanding of women's God-given dignity and vocation as women. Course content may include, but not limited to, St. John Paul II's Apostolic *Letter to Women*, the Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) Program, *Captivating*, and *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*. This course will require reading and discussion.

625-626 Franciscan Leadership Class (1,2,3,4) 2 sem. 0.5 cr.  
*Prerequisite:* Theology teacher nomination

This course is designed to teach students about liturgy by educating and promoting participation in the liturgy, and to help students develop an appreciation for ministering to the faithful. Students will assist in planning all-school and class liturgies, which includes: music ministry, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and readers, as well as inviting and encouraging the rest of the student body to participate. Students will also assist in other Campus Ministry duties, organizing Christian service, and pastoral care. Additionally, this class will empower students to evangelize and spread their faith to the school and greater community.

630 Church History through the Saints *Offered odd graduating years only* (3,4) 1 sem. 0.5 cr.

The focus of this course is to help the students learn about the history of the Catholic Church, especially by reading what happened in it through the eyes of the most famous saints. The course will consist mainly of reading numerous biographies to discover how God has led his people throughout time. The course will start with the writings of St. Paul and end with the work of numerous modern saints. Many of the great doctors of the Church will be addressed in addition to the simple and short writings of lesser known parts of the world. Students will see the Church's greatest treasures, the living words of the saints.