

THEOLOGY

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, and a T.E.C. Retreat for juniors and seniors. As an outside activity, students may join the Campus Ministry organization.

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608-609	<u>Theology I</u>	(1)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Required
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SURVEY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH – Semesters 1 & 2

Understanding Jesus is at the heart of our identity as a Catholic Christian community and as persons of faith. This course is designed to help students gain a better understanding of his/her unique identity and to develop a greater appreciation of his/her ability to live in a positive relationship to others. In addition the student is led to develop a broad view of the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. The theological concepts include God as creator, Jesus as redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as the promised one of Jesus. The student examines what it means to be a member of the church and how Catholics experience God and church especially in the liturgical/sacramental life.

610-611	<u>Theology II</u>	(2)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Required
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MORAL PRINCIPALS - Semester I

The goal of this course is to provide students with information on the basic Christian principles as these relate to the responsibility of the individual Catholic Christian. Current moral issues will be discussed to help students develop their individual conscience and stance on specific issues including, but not limited to, drinking, drugs, sexual behavior, including the Morality of the Body, relationships, honesty, and respect.

LITERATURE OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES - Semester II

This semester course is designed to provide the students with an overview and a foundation in the Old Testament. Students will study literary styles, traditions, and religious interpretations of the Sacred Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on the meaning and commitment to God's call.

602-603	<u>Theology III</u>	(3)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Required
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LITERATURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – Quarters 1, 2, 3

This course is designed to provide the students with a foundation in the structure and message of the New Testament. Emphasis will be given to Jesus' ministry in the Gospels and to the application of Jesus' message to the needs of students today. Paul's letters will be covered by topic with emphasis on Christology, Ecclesiology, Soteriology, and the nature of Sin/Grace.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY – Quarter 4

Recognizing that to truly understand what it means to be Catholic one must look not only at current attitudes, theology, and practices, but how those things were developed and accepted through history, this course will examine the history of the Catholic Church. It will center on various movements within the Church and their lasting effects for today's Church. Emphasis will be placed on understanding attitudes, theology, and practices.

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604-605	<u>Theology IV</u>	(4)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Required
612	OR <u>Theology IV – 1818 ACC Theo 100 – Theological Foundations</u>	(4)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Elective
<i>Prerequisite:</i> Student must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.						
<i>Dual enrollment possibility:</i> 3 hours credit from Saint Louis University						
This class begins at 7:30 a.m.						

Students will look at subdisciplines of theology as a foundation for the study of Social Justice and Christian Lifestyles. This course will center around the text: Theological Foundations: Concepts and Methods for Understanding Christian Faith. The subdisciplines are: The Old Testament, The New Testament, Christology, The Church, Grace and Sacraments, Christian Morality, Social Justice, World Religions, and Catholic Theology in a Global Context. These concepts will be woven throughout the two semesters as we study our call to Social Justice and Christian Lifestyles.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY - Semester I

The fall semester of senior religion is built around the text, The Christian Call to Justice and Peace. Using added material from Church documents and scripture, the course is to challenge the student to look at six major areas of concern in our world today. Those areas are: poverty, hunger, sexism, racial prejudice, ageism, and ecology. Through the use of scripture, the course shows that our church documents come from Christ himself. To be church, is to work for the good of all, not just our little corner of the world. The course is designed to stimulate the student to work along with the Church as a young person, and later as an adult to meet the needs of the oppressed in the world.

LIFESTYLES: EXPECTATIONS OF TODAY'S WORLD - Semester II

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 Lifestyles. This course will present general information about the single state, religious life/priesthood, and marriage. It will be stressed that each person is called to serve God and love others in each of these lifestyles. The sacraments of matrimony and holy orders will be given special emphasis. Included in the sacrament of matrimony is discussion of human sexuality and the Theology of the Body.

620	<u>Campus Ministry</u>	(2,3,4)	2 sem.	.5 cr.		Elective
This class begins at 7:30 a.m.						

This course is designed to teach students about liturgy and to help students develop an appreciation for ministering to the faithful. This is done by facilitating music, art, and environment and liturgies for the school as well as organizing Christian Service and pastoral care.