

2020 - 2021

COURSE CATALOG



ST. BERNARD'S
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

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FALL 2020

ALL CLASSES ARE ACCESSIBLE
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C215: ORIENTATION TO THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

This course orients students to the various aspects of Catholic theological studies and the way Catholic theology functions in the faith community.

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C217: MORAL AND SOCIAL TEACHINGS

(Charles Hughes Huff, Ph.D.)

Introduction to the fields of moral theology and Catholic Social Thought: their purpose in the life of the Church; their methods, their problems. Among the topics to be addressed: sin and conversion, methods of moral decision making, and the development of Catholic Social Thought.

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C226: WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

(Rev. Peter Van Lieshout, S.T.L.)

An historical, anthropological and theological investigation of Christian worship and sacrament with special attention to the Roman Catholic Sacraments of baptism and Eucharist.

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C228: THEOLOGY OF CHURCH AND MINISTRY

(Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.)

Historical and theological overview of the Christian understanding of church and ministry, with the Second Vatican Council (especially "Lumen Gentium" and "Gaudium et Spes") as a primary point of reference.

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C/D 397 - THE WHOLE BREADTH OF REASON: FAITH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

(Apolonio Latar, STL)

This course is designed to provide an understanding of science and technology within the intelligence of faith.

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C/D460: FAITH, FICTION, AND FILM: THE DRAMA OF BELIEF

(Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.)

This course will explore how the art forms of fiction and film approach the realm of faith, reverencing its mystery and disclosing its richness. Works of fiction by Flannery O'Connor, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Graham Greene, and films by Karen Blixen and Xavier Beauvois will be explored.

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CP613: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY

(Matthew Pietropaoli, Ph.D.)

With regard to the modern era, this course will survey the main philosophers of the rationalist, empiricist, and Kantian traditions, from Descartes through the nineteenth century.

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CP614: EPISTEMOLOGY

(Stephen Loughlin, Ph.D.)

This course will consider the nature of knowledge; whether the human mind can know things as they really are.

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CT672: SACRED SCRIPTURE

(Charles Hughes Huff, Ph.D.)

This course introduces the pre-seminarian to the study of the Sacred Scriptures and prepares the student to study the Scriptures in greater depth in the seminary.

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D211: DISCERNMENT AND FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

(Nancy Hawkins, IHM, Ph.D.)

Recognizing the lifelong development of Christian spiritual formation, this course guides the beginning student in the practice and art of spiritual discernment.

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D214: SPIRITUAL FORMATION

(Nancy Hawkins, IHM, Ph.D.)

This course provides a broad introduction to the ways in which people appropriate the mystery of faith, the process entailed in that appropriation, and overview of the history of that process and the types of experience which have emerged in that history.

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D217: PASTORAL CARE

(Ian Buterbaugh, LCSW)

This course is designed as a beginning course in pastoral care and serves as an introduction to understanding its basic principles and methods. It will look at the varying roles for both clergy and laity, while especially focusing on interpersonal and communication skills, particularly empathy.

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A202: INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW SCRIPTURES

(Charles Hughes Huff, Ph.D.)

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B301: THE GIFT OF MEANING: THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

(Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.)

“All those in history who have really done anything with the future have had their eyes fixed upon the past” (G.K. Chesterton). This course will provide a survey of Church history, tracking the Church of God across time and space from Pentecost to our present day. The course content will privilege a theological approach to history: it will investigate the historical unfolding of the Church's doctrines, charisms, and spiritualities, and will assess the temporal development of the institutional Church. The investigations undertaken will be accompanied by a determined effort to learn from history for the sake of the present.

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B/C310: HISTORY AND PRACTICE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

(Nancy Hawkins, IHM, Ph.D.)

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B/C355: PHILOSOPHY FOR THEOLOGIANS

(Stephen Loughlin, Ph.D.)

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C215: ORIENTATION TO THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

(Nancy Hawkins, IHM, Ph.D.)

This course orients students to the various aspects of Catholic theological studies and the way Catholic theology functions in the faith community. It will use various methods to assist students in the process of learning: lecture, class discussions, group work, use of technology and media. There are no pre-requisites for this course.

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C226: WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

An historical, anthropological and theological investigation of Christian worship and sacrament with special attention to the Roman Catholic Sacraments of baptism and Eucharist.

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C/D398: CATECHESIS AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: CONTENT, METHOD, AND CHALLENGES

(Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.)

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C/D410: MINISTRY AS LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

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CP631: METAPHYSICS

(Stephen Loughlin, Ph.D.)

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D207: CANON LAW AND MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

(Rev. Peter Mottola, J.C.L.)

An introduction to Canon Law, especially as applicable to parish ministry.

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D214: SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This course provides a broad introduction to the ways in which people appropriate the mystery of faith, the process entailed in that appropriation, and overview of the history of that process and the types of experience which have emerged in that history.

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D218: PASTORAL CARE II

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SUMMER SESSION I

CP605: BEYOND DECEPTION: LOGIC AND THE FREEDOM OF THE MIND

(Stephen Loughlin, Ph.D.)

An examination of the three activities that define reason (Understanding, Judgment, and Discursive Reasoning), and the development and practice of the techniques that perfect them (definition, the judgment of truth and falsity, the manipulation of propositions, and the formation of a sound argument).

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D217: PASTORAL CARE

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D302: PASTORAL FORMATION

This course is designed as a beginning course in understanding the basic principles and methods of pastoral care. It will focus on a theoretical background and is complemented by actual, practical experiences in pastoral listening as part of dyads and working groups.

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