

Spring 2024**In-Person Degree Program
Courses**

Course Title	Subject	Course Number	CRN	Units	Course Level	Instructor/Dates/Times	Course Description
Introduction to New Testament	NT	501	101	3	Introductory	Kruger Wednesday, 6-9pm	Introduction to the New Testament studies the writings of the New Testament with special focus on the Four Gospels, The Acts of the Apostles, and the Pauline Letters. The course also covers the history and methods for interpreting the New Testament, especially in light of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum (1965).
Fundamental Moral Theology	CE	501	107	3	Introductory	Day Thursday, 6-9pm	This course outlines the basic structure and method of Roman Catholic moral theology, with a particular emphasis on the Franciscan moral vision. By means of common readings, discussion, case studies, and lectures, it introduces basic concepts of moral theology and moral methods from a Franciscan perspective.
Canon Law/Marriage	CL	501	109	3	Introductory	Laverone Wednesday, 1-4pm	Divided into parts, this course covers the Introduction to Canon Law and Marriage Law. Throughout the entire course the emphasis will be on the pastoral application of law to ministerial situations. Balanced pastoral application of the law presumes healthy comprehension of the essential concepts underpinning the legal norms and wise weighting of the facts in a particular case.
Old Testament Wisdom Literature	OT	503	110	3	Intermediate	Zautcke Tuesday, 1-4pm	This course is a survey of the wisdom material of the Bible, focusing on the Old Testament. We will explore themes of Wisdom theology in the wisdom books and in other types of literature in the OT. With these themes in mind, we will also discuss how Wisdom theology appears in some works in the New Testament. Prerequisite: OT 501 Intro to the Old Testament, or instructor permission.
History of Christianity II	HS	508	111	3	Introductory	Burns & Chinnici Monday, 6-9pm Durango Hall (E1)	A continuation of History of Christianity I, this course covers the development of Christianity from Reformation times to the 20th century. Taught in modules of 6 or 7 week, the first part covers the Reformation to Vatican I (Chinnici) and the second part covers the history of Catholicism in the United States (Burns).

Luke-Acts	NT	603	125	3	Intermediate	Zautcke Thursday, 1-4pm	This course is a study of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. We will explore these documents from a literary and historical perspective. To this end, we will examine the historical, cultural, and geographical setting of the gospel and Acts as well as its authorship, audience, literary techniques and characteristics, theology and important themes. We will also compare the purpose, themes and orientation of Luke's Gospel with the other synoptic gospels and compare Acts with other contemporaneous Greco-Roman literature. Prerequisite: NT 501 Intro to New Testament, or instructor permission.
Intercultural Theology	ST	603	114	3	Intermediate	Lee Wednesday, 6-9pm Durango Hall (E1)	A course exploring issues of Catholic theology, mission and indigenous culture.
Spirituality of Dying and Death	SP	603	115	3	Intermediate	Pryds Monday, 1-4pm	This course offers an intermediate overview of the history and practice of dying. Since the subject of this course is universal, there is no pretension of being comprehensive. Instead, this course explores some fundamental issues related to the history and practice of dying and death customs primarily in Christian cultures. Some effort is made to include other religious practices and students will be given ample latitude to explore the subjects and cultures that interest them.
Ministry Seminar: Franciscan Ministry Today	PS	605	116	3	Intermediate	J. Gillman Wednesday, 8-11am	This ministry seminar required for MDiv students will include lectures on pastoral ministry, time in field placements, and group theological reflection exercises. Special attention will be given to ministry to marginalized groups as well as the proper formation of volunteers.
Ecclesiology	ST	701	118	3	Intermediate	Kiesler Monday, 6-9pm	This course will introduce students to the mystery of the Church as a historically developing reality in which the People of God faithfully strive to understand and express what their life "in Christ" means both for them and for the world. Students will be challenged to see themselves as integral participants in the further development of this mystery, and to develop the critical eye necessary to seeing their present and future ministry in this light.
Theology of God & Trinity	ST	702	119	3	Intermediate	Hellmann Thursday, 6-9pm	This is a basic course in the theology of God. We will consider the various understandings of God that have developed within Christianity over history and the challenges that are posed by science, philosophy and atheism. Intended audience would be first or second year MTS or MDiv students.
Theology of the Priesthood	ST	703	120	1.5	Intermediate	Chinnici Thursday, 8-11am	The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of a theology of the priesthood in the Roman Catholic tradition, to integrate this theology into the various settings for priestly callings within the Church, and to enable the participants to discover some best practices that enliven this theology in pastoral work.

Advanced Preaching/Presiding	LS	801	121	3	Advanced	Sabak Monday, 8-11am	This course is designed primarily to be a continuation of LS-605 preaching theory with emphasis on actual preaching in a variety of settings. It is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to consider the problems that the homilist confronts as he attempts to interpret the Gospel to congregations in contemporary settings. It is also a liturgical practicum designed to assess and refine prayer leadership, the pastoral art of presiding at Eucharist and administering the sacraments.
Franciscan Seminar: Franciscan Spiritual Practice in a Global World	SP	801	127	3	Advanced	Chinnici Monday, 8-11am	This course identifies the spiritual practices and key philosophical and theological foundations that might shape the Christian and Franciscan life in the 21st century world. The course will be divided into overlapping units. There will be a brief introduction into modern approaches to "asceticism" or the disciplines that aid a robust spiritual life. The first unit will examine 21st century social trends that require and shape a contemporary spiritual response: for examples, technology, commodification/consumerism, liquidity, etc.. The second unit will then present an overview of some of the roots of the Franciscan approach in the desert tradition, Gregory the Great, Benedict, and Bernard of Clairvaux. Multiple insights from Pope Francis that help us relate the spiritual practices of Francis and Clare to contemporary trends in society will be the major focus of the third unit. Key to the approach of the Assisi saints will be their very practical spiritual anthropology as manifest, for examples, in the themes of purity of heart, contemplation, the practice of poverty, work, exemplarity, ecological penance, and peace making. Unit four will examine selected texts from Bonaventure that will take us in a more foundational direction for a systematic spiritual anthropology. Bonaventure will be complemented by Peter of John Olivi in his pastoral work with the laity on spiritual formation. Some references to John Duns Scotus will illuminate issues of self-mastery and freedom. Emphasis will be placed upon primary texts with some secondary studies. Significant untapped sources for some questions will be biographical references to 20th century people who turned to the Franciscan tradition to understand tragedy (E. Underhill), empathy (Max Scheler), the subversive poetry of hope (Gabriela Mistral), and the distribution of goods (Vida Dutton Scutter). The purpose is to provide the contemporary practitioner of Franciscan life with tools to negotiate, spiritually grow, and lead others into the richness of God's goodness from within the Franciscan tradition.

Special Reading Course	SRC	599			Introductory	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	799			Intermediate	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	899			Advanced	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
MA Thesis	MA	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
MTS Thesis	MTS	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
MTS Comprehensive	MTC	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Brady Young, for registration information — byoung@fst.edu
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						HS	Historical Studies
						LS	Liturgical Studies
						NT	New Testament Studies
						OT	Old Testament Studies
						PS	Pastoral Studies
						SP	Spirituality Studies
						ST	Systematic Theology
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