

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The life of Jesus, as it is revealed to us in Sacred Scripture, exemplifies the following actions for all believers:

- To instruct people, to call to reform,
- To comfort, to capture the heart and spirit of people,
- To challenge and inspire to greatness by love for one another.

101THEO THEOLOGY 1 (Fr)

All Year

1 credit

Prerequisite: NONE

The goal of Freshman Theology is to challenge the student to actively participate in the building of a faith community. To do this, he/she is provided with the opportunity to experience God's reverence for life as presented in scripture as they study and explore Jesus Christ as God's revelation to the world. It also gives students a general knowledge and appreciation of Sacred Scripture while coming to encounter Jesus Christ. Students will continue this exploration of faith by covering the basics of the Christian faith and tracing key stages of Salvation History in both the New and the Old Testament.

In addition, in the second semester, the student experiences the growth of a faith community and the need for faith in every person's life. This exploration of the faith encourages students to take action in their own lives to follow the Lord. After a survey of Scripture, Jesus Christ: His Mission and ministry deepens the study of Jesus, highlighting key events in his earthly ministry while unpacking his teachings about God the Father, the Trinity, Mary, and the Holy Spirit.

Student Activities: Journals, prayer experiences, note taking, and group discussions.

Student Evaluation: Quizzes, tests, exams, and projects.

102THEO THEOLOGY 2 (Sophs)

All Year

1 credit

Prerequisite: NONE

Sophomore Theology focuses on an examination of our personal values and beliefs and the importance of the role these beliefs play in our everyday decisions.

The topics of morality and sexuality are presented in the framework of both God's message that "all creation is good and therefore has worth", and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In lectures, discussions and class activities, the students are faced with moral decision-making situations which they may encounter in their own lives.

Each student is accepted at his/her faith and maturity levels. As we continue to develop as a community, we challenge each other to grow in respect and in love for all of creation.

Student Activities: Note taking, journals, prayer experiences, and group discussions.

Student Evaluation: Reflection papers, tests, exams, and projects.

103CHHIS CHURCH HISTORY (Jrs)

SEM 1

.5 credit

Prerequisite: NONE

Church History is a course that will engage students in a sweeping study of the Church, emphasizing its continuity amidst its development over time. The timeline begins with the life of Christ and his foundational work in inaugurating His Church and follows with Catholicism's growth to the present day. Along the way, we will take time to learn about various saints and other notable figures central to the history of the Catholic Church and will explore the Church within the larger world history context.

Student Activities: Presentations, group discussions, prayer experiences, and some note taking.

Student Evaluation: Presentations, reflection paper, classroom and homework assignments, tests, and exam.

103SOJUS SOCIAL JUSTICE (Jrs)

SEM 2

.5 credit

Prerequisite: NONE

The social justice course will challenge the student to recognize her/his role as a participant in both the local and world communities. This is achieved by focusing on the issues of social justice and having each student contemplate how these issues exist in her/his life and community.

An emphasis will be placed on the study of social justice through the eyes of faith. What are the causes of injustices in the world, and what are our christian responsibilities to eliminate these injustices?

Student Activities: Note taking, prayer experiences, small group and large group discussions.

Student Evaluation: Tests, exams, reflection papers, and/or research papers.

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SEM 1

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Prerequisite: NONE

Advanced Theology is a college level exploration and study that synthesized religious education over four years into an integrated, holistic review of Catholic theology. The course will also provide an introduction to theological reflection, theological vocabulary, close read of text, and analysis of social context, with historical and formational components.

Course Objective: to initiate the student into college-level theological conversation and study and gives her/him the skills, tools, and resources necessary for further study on the university level, including:

- The means of accessing and effectively using the St. Louis University's research library and technology
- Reading and writing at the college level
- Methods of contextual analysis
- Practice in theological reflection
- Understanding the role of theological study within other disciplines.

104DEADY DEATH AND DYING (Srs)

SEM 2

.5 credit

Prerequisite: NONE

Why do people suffer? Why do people die? How does any loss affect us? Is mourning healthy? How? Why?

This course is designed to view the reality of suffering, pain, loss, and death. The course will incorporate our belief in the suffering and triumph of Jesus as well as Church tradition, history, and doctrine regarding loss and death.

Some issues to be discussed throughout the course will be the actuality of suffering and loss in the human experience, stages of death, grieving processes, christian response to death, as well as Catholic and other world religions in relationship to their varied beliefs, responses, and customs of death.

The course format will be both objective and subjective, interspersing facts with shared experiences and responses to the above issues.

Student Activities: Group discussions, note taking, and projects.

Student Evaluation: Class participation, tests, and exam.