2015–2016 Online Courses
Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union (CTU) offers online courses for degree- and non-degree-seeking students. In the 2015–2016 academic year, several of our foundational and advanced courses will be offered online. Interested students may pursue online certificates or degrees in Pastoral Studies and Hispanic Theology and Ministry. Courses marked with an asterisk have a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.ctu.edu/click2connect.

Fall 2015: September 8 – December 17

B4421 — Portraits of Jesus in the Synoptics*
van Thanh Nguyen, SV D, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies

This course is a study of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke) focusing on the narrative, historical background, and theology of each evangelist. An exploration of source, form, and redaction criticisms will enable the student to better understand and interpret the similarities and differences among these three gospels. The course helps students integrate critical exegetical study of the text with theology, spirituality, and pastoral practice for a multicultural church.

D4202 — Ecclesiology and Mariology
Antonio Sison, CPPS, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology

This course consists of a historical and systematic study of the understanding of the church in the Christian tradition and in contemporary thought. Special attention is given to ecclesiological themes and issues which are critical for life in the church today, especially Mary, the mother of the church.

DC4/5200 — Sources & Methods in Latin@ Theology
Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Professor of Hispanic Theology and Ministry

The integral relationship between the lived daily experiences of Latino/a communities and the theological reflections that emerge from within these contexts is articulated as teología y pastoral en conjunto. This seminar explores sources and methods developed by Latin@ theologians and biblical scholars as they construct theological perspectives that recognize this intrinsic connection between theology and ministry.

FP4001 — Theology and Practice of Ministry
Eileen Crowley, Associate Professor of Liturgy Arts and Communication

This foundational course focuses on the development of ministerial identity, recognizing that ministers need to have both a personal understanding of the nature of ministry and a conviction that ministry includes constant theological reflection and evaluation.
J Term 2016: January 4 – February 1

M4001 — Introduction to Theological Reflection  
Christina Zaker, Director, Field Education and English for Theological Education

Theological Reflection is a critical tool for ministry. This course provides a foundation for understanding its goals, methods, and applications. Students will engage multiple methods, adapt them for various ministerial contexts, and develop skills in forming and facilitating theological reflection in their ministry praxis.

Spring 2016: February 8 – May 18

B4203 — Introduction to Old Testament  
John Barker, OFM, Assistant Professor of Old Testament Studies

This course provides an introduction to the literature of the Old Testament and its historical, cultural, religious, geographical, and social context. Various methodological tools for investigating the content and genre of the texts will be studied. Throughout the course, students will investigate the different theologies presented by the Old Testament writers.

B4318 — Paul: His Life, Letters, Theology*  
Laurie Brink, OP, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies

This course explores the literary and theological aspects of the Pauline epistolary archive, attending to the historical, social, cultural, and religious context from which early Christianity emerged. As author or inspiration for the genuine and disputed letters, Paul’s experience of hybridity will be explored and serve as a hermeneutical key for interpreting the letters in today’s intercultural church.

DC6001 — History of Religions and Comparative Theology  
Scott Alexander, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies

This course focuses on the historical, critical, and comparative study of religions. It begins by looking at what has come to be known as the History of Religions and especially the history of the academic study of religion. The second part of the course is Comparative Theology and entails reflection on theological themes and methods across religious traditions.

W4201 — Sacraments II: Eucharist and Sacramental Theology  
Edward Foley, OFM Cap, Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality and Professor of Liturgy and Music

This course serves as a general introduction to sacramental theology, and a particular introduction to the Eucharist, its history, theology, structure, and practice.


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