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## **Catholic Studies Course Offerings** **Winter 2024**

CTH 180 | Introduction to Catholicism

CTH 181 | Introduction to World Catholicism

CTH 203 | What Catholics Believe

CTH 210 | Catholic Social Teaching: Ireland and the Irish Experience

CTH 212 | Ancient Israel: History, Literature, and Religion

CTH 213 | The New Testament

CTH 220 | Early Catholic History: Origins and Expansion

CTH 221 | Catholic History: Medieval to Modern

CTH 243 | Roman Catholic Theological Thinking:  
Discovering your Purpose

CTH 244 | Debates About God

CTH 248 | Contemporary Moral Issues: Slavery, Old and New

CTH 254 | Age of Cathedrals: The Art of Later Middle Ages

CTH 258 | Northern Renaissance Art

CTH 264 | Catholicism and Literature: Epic Journeys

CTH 274 | Ireland: Religion and the Contemporary  
"Troubles"

CTH 293 | Notable Vincentian Women CTH 389 | Special  
Topics in the Social Dimension of Catholicism:

*Liberal Studies Program*

LSP 112 & LSP 200

# Department of Catholic Studies

## Informational Guide

*Winter Quarter 2023 - 2024*



## *Department of Catholic Studies*

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## Department of Catholic Studies

The Department of Catholic Studies offers a rigorous, interdisciplinary exploration of the depth and breadth of the Catholic tradition. This study of Catholicism contributes to an informed understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Church and its unique contribution, past and present, to the human enterprise.

Catholicism is a complex reality, rooted in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ; its tradition includes rituals, doctrines, artistic and architectural achievements, and much more. Hence, a thorough understanding requires the use of all DePaul University resources and years of study.

The department's mission is threefold: to provide an interdisciplinary curriculum that serves the university, college, and major; to disseminate DePaul's Catholic mission to students through its classes and its co-curricular and extracurricular events; and to be the primary reference point for external constituencies (ecclesial, media, and community) on Church-related matters through scholarship and expertise.

The department has its own tenured and tenure-track faculty and also draws on affiliated faculty from throughout the university to teach Catholic Studies courses: artists, economists, historians, literary critics, musicians, political scientists, and sociologists as well as philosophers and theologians.

The BA curriculum is structured to give students with differing learning objectives and career goals maximum flexibility in designing their degree. In addition to courses at DePaul, the department also has two study-abroad programs in Italy and offers upper-level students the opportunity to take selected courses at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Many different paths are open to Catholic Studies majors: for example, graduate programs in the professions (education, journalism, law, the social sciences, or social work); advanced study in theology or religious studies; lay or ordained vocations in ministry. Whatever their post-graduate plans, students leave DePaul having participated in the human search for wisdom with a Vincentian emphasis on building a just society.

## Degree Requirements

### **CATHOLIC STUDIES MAJOR**

52 Hours (13 Courses)

Core Requirements (Five Courses)

**Both of the following two courses:**

- CTH 180 | Introduction to Catholicism
- CTH 209 | Theories of the Church

**Two of the following courses:**

- CTH 220 | Early Catholic History: Origins & Expansion
- CTH 221 | Catholic History from Medieval to Modern: Reform & Revolution
- CTH 222 | Catholicism in the Modern Age: Secular & Sacred

**One of the following two courses:**

- CTH 202 | Catholics and Scripture
- CTH 203 | What Catholics Believe

Area Studies (Three Courses)

**One course each from three of the five the following areas:**

- Philosophy, Scripture, and Theology
- Vincentian Studies
- Catholicism and Aesthetics
- Social Concerns and Moral Questions
- World Catholicism

Catholic Studies Electives (Four Courses)

Four courses, three of which must be at the 300 level. Study Abroad Program in Rome is encouraged.

Senior Capstone Required (One Course)

### **CATHOLIC STUDIES MINOR**

24 Hours (6 Courses)

**Two of the following courses:**

- CTH 180 | Introduction to Catholicism
- CTH 181 | Introduction to World Catholicism
- CTH 202 | Catholics and Scripture
- CTH 203 | What Catholics Believe
- CTH 209 | Theories of the Church

**Two of the following courses:**

- CTH 220 | Early Catholic History: Origins & Expansion
- CTH 221 | Catholic History from Medieval to Modern: Reform & Revolution
- CTH 222 | Catholicism in the Modern Age: Secular & Sacred

**Select two CTH electives, one of which must be at the 300 level.**

## Past Events

For more information on past or upcoming events, visit: [catholicstudies.depaul.edu](http://catholicstudies.depaul.edu)

### Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology

The Department houses the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology (CWCIT), an internationally renowned research institute focused on Catholicism around the world (especially in the so-called 'global south'). The Center's Director is William T. Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies.

### Scholarships

The Department of Catholic Studies annually awards two scholarship to eligible DePaul Students. Scholarship deadlines are announce in the Winter Quarter. Students are encouraged to log on to Academic Works, [depaul.academicworks.com](http://depaul.academicworks.com), to apply for these scholarships and other available opportunities:

Rev. Laurence Coyne Prendergast Memorial Endowed Scholarship is awarded, along with a medal, to a student that writes the best essay on Catholicism as determined by the Scholarship Committee within Catholic Studies.

The Michael and Valerie Paulson Family Endowed Award in Catholic Studies is awarded to full-time students majoring in Catholic Studies that have attained junior or senior status and are in good academic standing with a 3.0 overall GPA or better. The student must also exhibit financial need.

### Study Abroad

The Department of Catholic Studies offers two short-term study abroad programs. Both programs fulfill two liberal studies learning domains.

**The summer study abroad program** explores Rome and Florence, centers of European art, capitals of the Renaissance and the Baroque, and (in Rome's case) home of the Roman Catholic Church. Students also spend an entire day in Assisi, home to St. Francis and the Franciscan charism movement.

**The winter study abroad program** is focused on Rome and Roman Catholicism. Students visit sites that invoke several course components at once: e.g., the cultural and religious history that informs the architecture of the catacombs, and Vatican City's historical, architectural, and cultural aspects.