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### Catholic Studies Course Offerings Spring 2020

CTH 180 | Introduction to Catholicism  
CTH 209 | Theories of the Church: Concepts and Controversies  
CTH 222 | Catholic Experience II : French Revolution  
CTH 226 | Roman Catholic Spiritual Literature  
CTH 229| Catholicism as a Spiritual Path  
CTH 247 | Roman Catholic Social Thought in Context  
CTH 248 | Contemporary Moral Issues: Happiness  
CTH 248 | Contemporary Moral Issues: Animals in the Bible  
CTH 249 | Nature, Cosmos, and God: Catholicism and Science  
CTH 264 | Catholicism and Literature  
CTH 280 | Religion and Education in Western Culture  
CTH 290 | The Life and Times of Vincent de Paul  
LSP 112 | Focal Point: Seminar: Abraham: Father of Faiths  
LSP 112 | Focal Point Seminar: Happiness

## Department of Catholic Studies

Informational Guide  
Spring Quarter 2020



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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 | Catholic Experience I: Early Church to 1200CE
- CTH 221 | Catholic Experience II: 1200CE to French Revolution
- CTH 222 | Catholic Experience III: French Revolution to Present

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)

Both of the following two courses:

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

Two of the following courses:

- CTH 220 | Catholic Experience I: Early Church to 1200CE
- CTH 221 | Catholic Experience II: 1200CE to French Revolution
- CTH 222 | Catholic Experience III: French Revolution to Present

One 200-level course

One 300-level course

## Past Events

Sacraments and Friendship

Brandon McGinley is a Catholic writer and speaking based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

'The Word Which Shall Be Our First': On Beauty and the Human Desire for Transcendence

Jennifer Newsome Martin, Assistant Professor in the Program of Liberal Studies at University of Notre Dame

For more information on upcoming and past 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 scholarships to eligible DePaul Students. Scholarship deadlines are announced in the Winter Quarter. Students are encouraged to log on to AcademicWorks, [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.