

Theology

The education of students in an atmosphere of individual concern and Christ-like teaching is the primary focus of the Theology Program.

We believe that spiritual growth is central to the learning process. Christian Community unfolds in the simple, everyday moments of life, as individuals come together to share their gifts, time, talents and lived experience of faith in Jesus.

We believe that each faculty member, Catholic or non-Catholic, Christian or non-Christian, is responsible for witnessing to Gospel values in both word and action.

Our ultimate aim is to nurture the adolescent into a responsible, believing adult who recognizes the power of God's law and the Church's contribution to humanity and who will guide his/her life according to Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Theology 9

Credit 1.00 Level 2

Old Testament: This course will focus on the major events, persons and themes of the Old Testament. It will attempt to foster an appreciation for the heritage we share with the Jewish people as well as an awareness of our faith as flowing from the religious experience of Israel.

New Testament: This course proclaims Jesus as the center of God's saving plan. Emphasis is placed on the person of Jesus of Nazareth and his role as teacher, healer and liberator. Students will be encouraged to deepen their understanding of the challenge of Gospel values, recognizing His continued presence with us today in the world through the working of the Holy Spirit. The foundation of this course will be taken from Scripture and the traditions of the Church.

A service project of a minimum of 10 volunteer hours is required. Students are encouraged to focus on doing their service in the area of Parish Faith Community.

Theology 10

Credit 1.00 Level 2

Sacraments - After providing a background of basic sacramental awareness, liturgy and prayer, this course will discuss the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. Students will study the Biblical foundation, historical development and ritual (in light of their lived experience) of these Sacraments. The Sacrament of Matrimony is developed to fuller extent in the senior year.

Christian Morality - This course will introduce students to the major principles of Catholic morality and to traditional Church teaching on important moral issues. Topics will include: decision making, conscience, the reality of sin, the Ten Commandments, the values of Jesus and virtuous living.

A service project of a minimum of 15 volunteer hours is required. Students are encouraged to focus on doing their service in the areas of Pro-Life, Healing, and Elder Care.

Honors Theology 10

Credit 1.00 Level 3

In addition to the requirements of Theology 10, this course involves independent reading assignments, independent research and papers, class presentations on assigned topics that include use of technology and preparation of Sunday Liturgical Readings and Homilies. Students are also encouraged to exceed the 15 hours of service required for Theology 10.

Prerequisite: *This course is offered to the top 25% of students in Theology 9 (based on Final Average) and teacher approval.*

Theology 11

Credit 1.00 Level 2

The Church and the World - An overall view of the Church in a historical framework and perspective with special attention to the early Church and the formulation of Creeds. Emphasis is placed on those individuals and events which have had a definite influence in giving form to the Church as it is today.

Social Justice - The purpose of this course is to provide the tools to work for peace and justice. In light of Gospel imperatives and Catholic social teachings, students will examine contemporary issues which will impact on the personal, spiritual and social/political levels of their lives.

A service project of a minimum of 20 hours is required. Students are encouraged to focus on doing their service in the area of social action or civic organizations.

Honors Theology 11

Credit 1.00 Level 3

In addition to the requirements of Theology 11, this course involves independent reading assignments as well as independent research and papers.

Prerequisite: *This course is offered to the top 25% students in Theology 10 (based on final average) and teacher of course approval.*

Theology 12

Credit 1.00 Level 2

Apologetics-Given the teaching and practices of Roman Catholicism, this course is intended to challenge the student in the development toward a mature faith. Included in the course is a review of basic teachings and instruction on how to maintain and foster one's faith and to uphold one's belief system against those who would seek to undermine it. Also provided is an overview of selected significant ethical and justice issues.

The meaning of human life can be discovered only by searching for answers to the ultimate questions that people in every age and of every culture have asked; by way of response, consideration will be given to the intellect and experience of faith as these reflect on a belief in God and the relationship we share with the members of the human community.

Theology of Christian Vocations - This course is designed to present the different vocations in the Church with a special emphasis on Marriage and Family Life. It will offer a realistic and practical approach to the Catholic teachings relating to a broad area of relationships. Special emphasis will be placed upon the ability to live a virtuous life and address fundamental spiritual, emotional, sociological ideals, goals and problems encountered in the effort to grow within a relationship with God, and fellow creatures. The areas of the celibate life and the marriage covenant will be specifically addressed.

A service project of a minimum 25 hours is required. Students are encouraged to focus on doing their service in the areas of children and youth.

Honors Theology 12

Credit 1.00 Level 3

Theology of Marriage & Christian Vocations

Given the teachings and practices of Roman Catholicism, this course is intended to present and to relate those teachings to Christian vocations with a special emphasis on Sacramental Marriage and Family Life.

Serving as the foundation for the course is an understanding of what it means to be a human person who stands in relationships of interdependency with other persons; from this it intends to establish an appreciation for the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of all of human life.

Consideration will be given to Christian values and personal faith and the relationships that one shares with God, others and the created order. Appropriate issues, related questions and skills and strategies will be highlighted to assist the young man and woman in moving from one stage of life to the next.

Catholicism - Its Faith and Teachings

Given the teachings and practices of Roman Catholicism, this course is intended to challenge the student in the development toward a mature faith. Included in the course is a review of essential teachings and instruction on how to maintain and foster one's faith and to uphold one's belief system in light of the challenges of contemporary secular society.

The meaning of human life can be discovered only by searching for answers to the ultimate questions that people in every age and of every culture have asked; by way of response, consideration will be given to the intellect and the experience of faith as these reflect on a belief in God and the relationships we share with and our responsibility toward members of the human community. In conjunction, an overview of selected significant ethical and justice issues will be provided.

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Prerequisite: *This course is offered to the top 25% students in Honors Theology 11 (based on final average) with teacher of course approval. A summer reading assignment is a requirement for this course.*

The Holocaust & World Religions

Credit 1.00 Level 2

The objectives of this course will be to:

1) Lead students into a greater understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the nine principles of Catholic Social Justice and to be able to apply the principles to the Holocaust, the Pol Pot Regime (Khmer Rouge) in Cambodia during the 1960's, the genocide in the Balkans in the 1990's, and the current problems in the Sudan. Students will learn to live these principles for the betterment of society.

2) Lead students into a basic understanding, awareness, and appreciation for the non-Catholics of the world. The religions studied will be Judaism, Protestantism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese religions, and Japanese religions.

Seniors only (unless approved otherwise)

*****This is an elective course and does **not** replace the requirement of Theology 12.***