

CATHOLIC STUDIES, MINOR

Saint Louis University's Catholic studies minor in the College of Arts and Sciences (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/>) takes the Jesuit motto "to find God in all things" seriously, offering interdisciplinary and integrated study in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The program is designed to explore significant questions that have occupied Christian philosophers and theologians, artists and literary writers, political theorists and historians, and natural and social scientists for two millennia. In addition to various courses in the Christian intellectual tradition, the Catholic studies minor offers interested students opportunities to explore the history and mission of the Society of Jesus and the traditions underlying SLU as a Catholic, Jesuit institution (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>).

Along with classwork, SLU's Catholic studies program also offers a variety of social and spiritual activities and opportunities for community service in neighborhoods near campus.

SLU's Center for Catholic Studies offers informal gatherings every Monday night where SLU students can hear top-notch Catholic speakers engage in medieval-style debate, participate in weekly prayer and liturgy and serve in neighborhoods near SLU. Co-curricular events include informal movie nights, field trips to local religious sites, weekly prayer and a spring day of reflection.

Requirements

Students must complete a minimum total of **18 credits** for the minor.

Code	Title	Credits
Theology (p. 1)		
One course with the Catholic Studies—Theology attribute.		3
Philosophy (p. 1)		
One course with the Catholic Studies—Philosophy attribute.		3
English (p. 1)		
One course with the Catholic Studies—English attribute.		3
History (p. 2)		
One course with the Catholic Studies—History attribute.		3
Catholic Studies Elective (p. 2)		
One course with the Catholic Studies—Elective attribute.		3
Catholic Studies Capstone		
CATH 4960	Catholic Studies Capstone	3
Total Credits		18

Theology

One course with the Catholic Studies—Theology attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 2110	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 2210	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 2310	History of Christianity: The First 2000 Years	3
THEO 2515	Social Justice	3
THEO 2410	Making Christianity Credible	3
THEO 2415	The Church: Yesterday & Today	3
THEO 2430	Jesus and Salvation	3
THEO 2510	Christian Ethics	3

THEO 2610	The Christian Sacraments	3
THEO 2715	Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City	3
THEO 2820	Religion and Science	3
THEO 2840	Christianity and Literature	3
THEO 2900	Love and the Human Condition	3
THEO 3210	One Jesus, Four Portraits: The Gospels	3
THEO 3345	The Life and Theology of Augustine of Hippo	3
THEO 3415	Christ and Color: Liberation Theology	3
THEO 3510	Faith and Politics	3
THEO 3525	Green Discipleship: Theology & Ecology	3
THEO 3535	Sex, Gender and Christian Ethics	3
THEO 3560	A Post Human Future? The Ethics of Technology	3
THEO 3710	Arts of Hinduism and Buddhism	3
THEO 4510	War and Peace in the Christian Tradition	3

Philosophy

One course with the Catholic Studies—Philosophy attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
PHIL 3250	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 3300	Philosophy of the Human Person	3
PHIL 3360	Medical Ethics	3
PHIL 3380	Business Ethics	3
PHIL 3400	Ethics & Engineering	3
PHIL 3420	Environmental and Ecological Ethics	3
PHIL 3450	Disaster Narratives	3
PHIL 3600	Science and Religion	3
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 4810	Philosophy of Feminism	3
PHIL 4820	Philosophy and Race	3
PHIL 4840	Catholic Social Thought	3
PHIL 4850	Topics in Philosophical Anthropology	3

English

One course with the Catholic Studies—English attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 2250	Conflict, Social Justice and Literature	3
ENGL 2350	Faith, Doubt and Literature	3
ENGL 2450	Nature, Ecology & Literature	3
ENGL 2550	Gender, Identity & Literature	3
ENGL 2600	Introduction to Short Fiction	3
ENGL 2650	Technology, Media & Literature	3
ENGL 2750	Film, Culture and Literature	3
ENGL 3380	The Classics and Literature	3
ENGL 3470	Introduction to Shakespeare	3
ENGL 3620	Topics in Spirituality and Literature	3
ENGL 3700	The Bible & Literature	3
ENGL 3730	Introduction to Medical Humanities, Literature	3
ENGL 3740	Medicine and Literature	3

ENGL 4240	Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales	3
ENGL 4290	Topics in Medieval Literature	3
ENGL 4300	Age of Elizabeth	3
ENGL 4350	17th Century Literature	3
ENGL 4360	Milton	3

History

One course with the Catholic Studies—History attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
HIST 1120	Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)	3
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire	3
HIST 3040	From Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages	3
HIST 3050	From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages	3
HIST 3080	Catholicism Since 1540	3
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	3
HIST 3220	Jesuits and Their Worlds	3

Catholic Studies Elective

One course with the Catholic Studies—Elective attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
AAM 3350	African American Religious Traditions	3
ARTH 1500	Life & Times of Michelangelo	3
ARTH 2100	Art of Jerusalem and Three Faiths: Past and Present	3
ARTH 2200	Art in Rome	3
ARTH 2150	Saints in Art	3
ARTH 2450	Art of Pilgrimage and Crusades	3
ARTH 3410	Art of Cathedrals and Kings: Advanced	3
ARTH 3500	Early Renaissance Art in Italy: Advanced	3
ARTH 3510	High Renaissance Art Italy: Advanced	3
ARTH 3520	Art North Renaissance: Adv Art of Nobles & Merchants in the Northern Renaissance: Advanced	3
ARTH 3020	Christian Art: Advanced	3
ARTH 4900	Research Methods	3
BIOL 1200	Ecological Issues and Society	3
BIOL 1340	Diversity of Life	3
CMM 3440	Media Ethics	3
GR 3200	German Cultural History	3
GK 1010	Reading Greek I	3
GK 1020	Reading Greek II	3
GK 2010	Intermediate Greek Lang & Lit	3
GK 4700	Readings in Byzantine Greek	3
LATN 1010	Reading Latin I	3
LATN 1020	Reading Latin II	3
LATN 2010	Intermediate Latin: Language & Literature	3
LATN 4010	Latin Fathers	3
LATN 4100	Intro to Post-Classical Latin	3

LATN 4280	Readings in Saint Augustine	3
MDVL 2100	The Medieval World	3
RUSS 4510	The Russian Orthodox	3
WGST 1900	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3

Continuation Standards

A student must maintain a GPA in coursework for the minor in Catholic studies of at least 2.00.

Madrid

Students can complete all or part of the Catholic studies minor at SLU's campus in Madrid.

Contact Us

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