Catholic Studies Minor

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Vision

The Catholic studies minor at Seattle University explores the Catholic tradition in the context of philosophy and theology, the natural and social sciences, business and law, literature, art, and culture. Students will engage the wealth and depth of Catholic thought and culture in history and in the contemporary world, and will probe intellectual and ethical issues raised by the dialog of Catholicism with other fields of human inquiry. This program provides scholarly means of assessing the weaknesses and strengths of Catholic tradition in all of its dimensions. Students will approach Catholic tradition both critically and constructively for its contribution to wise and fruitful responses to the economic, political, cultural, and ecological challenges faced by humankind today.

Seattle University's minor in Catholic studies stands in continuity with the centuries-long project of fides quaerens intellectum, "faith seeking understanding." This quest for understanding engages all fields of human knowledge, for Catholic theology holds that God is revealed not only in the Word of scripture but also in the whole created world. The Catholic vision includes a notion of nature as the product of dynamic divine providence, of the fine arts as an intimation of divine beauty, and of history as a drama of revelation and response. Catholic tradition rests on a vision of the transcendent meaning and value of the human person, and of the earth and its life forms. In Ignatian terms, appropriate to Seattle University's Jesuit identity, the tradition attempts to assist human beings to become who they really are precisely by seeking and seeing God in all things. The Catholic studies minor is intended for students in all disciplines of the university.

Objectives

- To increase awareness of and insight into the history, culture, and intellectual traditions of Catholicism.
- To provide a more systematic means to encounter, learn from, challenge, and build upon Catholic traditions as expressed in a variety of different fields, among them theology, philosophy, spirituality, literature, art, and the natural and social sciences.
- To promote a better understanding of the relations between theology and philosophy, faith and reason, and science and religion, particularly in the context of Catholicism.
- To enable students to respond to economic, political, cultural, and ecological challenges through the knowledge they have achieved in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of Catholic traditions, including traditions of Catholic social thought.

Minor in Catholic Studies

In order to earn a minor in Catholic studies, students must complete 30 credits in the approved courses, with a minor/program grade point average of 2.00. No more than 15 credits from any one discipline may be applied to the minor. At least 20 credits must be taken at Seattle University.

Courses selected for the minor in Catholic studies may include those which fulfill university core or elective requirements and those taken to fulfill a major.

Required Course:

THRS 201 **Catholic Traditions 5**

25 credits from the following, including a minimum of 5 credits in the natural/social sciences, and a minimum of 15 credits of upper-division (300- and 400-level) courses:

College of Arts and Sciences

ANTH 330/SOCL 330	**Anthropology of Religion**
ANTH 438	**People of the Pacific Northwest**
ENGL 320	**The Bible as Literature**
ENGL 326	**Dante's Divine Comedy**
ENGL 291-293, 491-493	**Special Topics:**
	Catholic Themes in Literature
	Literature and Christianity
	Spiritual Autobiographies
	Theology and Literature
ENGL 439	**Medieval Women and Writing**
GAST 407	**Christianity in the Global African World**
HIST 231	**Survey of the United States: Christian Perspectives**
HIST 306	**Europe of the High Middle Ages**
HIST 309	**Europe in the Reformation Era**
HIST 391-393	**Special Topics:**
	The Birth of Christianity
	Survey of Church History
HONR 103	**Humanities Seminar: Thought (Medieval Philosophy)**
PHIL 302	**Medieval Philosophy**
PHIL 316	**Philosophy of Religion**
PHIL 322	**Catholic Social Philosophy**
PHIL 334	**Nature and Cosmos**
PHIL 375	**Catholic Feminist Thought**
PHIL 485	**Major Figures in the Traditions: Lonergan**
PSYC 230	**Psychology of Religion**
PSYC 483	**Multi-cultural Psychology:**
	Vietnam and Vietnamese Americans
SOCW 491	**Special Topics: Contemporary Indian Reservations**
THRS 202	**God and Evil**
THRS 204	**Women and Theology**
THRS 206	**Christology**
THRS 207	**Church as Community**
THRS 208	**Sacraments: Doors to the Sacred**
THRS 209	**Jesus and Liberation**
THRS 291-293	**Special Topics:**
	Catholic Worker Movement
	Spiritual Autobiographies
	Theology of Peace
THRS 303	**The Gospel of Jesus Christ**
THRS 304	**The Message of Paul**
THRS 305	**John: A Different Gospel**

THRS 306	Women and the New Testament
THRS 311	Latin American Liberation Theology
THRS 313	Religion and Science
THRS 320	Catholic Social Teaching
THRS 324	Religion and Ecology
THRS 325	Core Ethics: Christian Perspective
THRS 341	Ignatian Spirituality
THRS 419	Early Christian Theology
THRS 420	Medieval and Reformation Theology
THRS 428	Modern and Contemporary Theology

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HUMT 302/THRS 205	Theology of the Person
HUMT 391	Special Topics: Great Jesuit Thinkers
HUMT 471	Jesuit Education

College of Science and Engineering

PHYS 481	Cosmology and Culture