

Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies is an interdisciplinary programme consisting of courses which are devoted to the examination of topics, themes, or questions pertinent to Catholic history, doctrine, and faith in its various aspects, illustrations of which are found in literature, historical studies, philosophy, theology, and the social sciences.

Minor in Catholic Studies:

A Minor in Catholic Studies may be pursued by students and consists of 18 credit hours, which must include:

- (i) CATH 2003
- (ii) CATH 3013
CATH 3023
- (iii) 9 credit hours in electives, of which 3 credit hours must be from Group I – Catholic History, 3 credit hours from Group II – Catholic Theology, and 3 credit hours from Group III – Faith and Reason, or Group IV – Faith and Values

Group I Catholic History = 6 credit hours

HIST 2213	The Early Church
HIST 3213	The Medieval Church
RELG 3033	Saints and Heretics: the Historical Development of the Church
RELG 3043	The Contemporary Church

Group II Catholic Theology = 6 credit hours

RELG 2313	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
RELG 2333	Introduction to the New Testament
RELG 2513	Basic Issues in Theology
RELG 3323	The Book of Isaiah
RELG 3343	The Gospel of John
RELG 3353	Christian Liturgy and Sacramental Life
RELG 3363	Jesus of Nazareth - Christ of Faith
RELG 3373	Jesus of the Christ as Understood Throughout History
RELG 3623	The God of Christians

Group III Faith and Reason = 3 credit hours

PHIL 3133	Medieval Christian Philosophy I
PHIL 3233	Medieval Christian Philosophy II
PHIL 3412	God in Western Thought
PHIL 3423	Reason and Religion
PHIL 3523	St. Thomas: Knowledge, Being, and Human Being
PHIL 3553	St. Augustine
PHIL 4713-4836	Tutorial in Selected Catholic Thinkers

Group IV Faith and Values - 3 credit hours

ENGL/CATH 2673	Literature and Catholicism I
ENGL/CATH 2683	Literature and Catholicism II

HMRT 3043	Catholic Theology of Human Rights
HMRT 3053	Human Rights and the Church
PHIL 2213	Introduction to Moral Philosophy
PHIL 3533	St. Thomas: Law, Morality, Society
RELG 2513	Foundations of Christian Ethics

(iii) *Two compulsory 3-credit hour reading/discussion courses in each of the student's third and fourth years:*

CATH 3013	Catholic Studies Colloquium I
CATH 3023	Catholic Studies Colloquium II

(iv) *9 credit hours in electives drawn from Groups I - IV above, and Group V Faith, Culture, and the Arts*

CATH 3813,3823,3833	Special Topics in Catholic Studies
CATH 3923	Independent Studies

B. Major in Catholic Studies

The Major in Catholic Studies is a four-part course of studies totaling 36 credit hours:

- (i) a required 3 credit introductory course: CATH 2003 Introduction to Catholic Studies
- (ii) 18 credit hours as in electives as indicated below:

Required courses:

2003. Introduction to Catholic Studies

An introduction to the Catholic tradition through a consideration of what it means to be Catholic, and how this experience has been expressed historically and culturally in philosophy, theology, prayer, literature, personal and social morality, and art. 3 credit hours.

3013. Catholic Studies Colloquium I

A group examination and discussion compulsory for, and normally restricted to, third and fourth-year students majoring or minoring in Catholic Studies of select topics, texts, or authors important in the Catholic tradition. Prerequisite: CATH 2003 or permission of the instructor. 3 credit hours.

3023. Catholic Studies Colloquium II

A group examination and discussion compulsory for, and normally restricted to, third and fourth-year students majoring or minoring in Catholic Studies of selected topics, texts, or authors important in the Catholic tradition. Prerequisite: CATH 2003 or permission of the instructor. 3 credit hours.

3813. 3823. 3833. Special Topics in Catholic Studies

The content of this course changes from year to year to reflect the special strengths of faculty and the particular needs of students. The course will focus on a topic or area in Catholic Studies. 3 credit hours.

3923. Independent Studies

A course of independent study under the supervision of a faculty member which affords the student the opportunity to pursue an in-depth study of an area of interest through special reading or a research project. Arrangements may be made by agreement with a member of the faculty and the approval of the Director. 3 credit hours.