

RELST 202

Theological Foundations

3 Credit Hours

Pre/Corequisite: P (RQ) ENGL-120 with a minimum grade of C

This course introduces students to the study of theology.

Unique to theology is the role of God's revelation in the person of Jesus Christ and in Scripture and Tradition as understood by the Church. Various aspects of the Catholic intellectual, sacramental, moral, and spiritual traditions will be addressed.

RELST 220

Old Testament Religion

3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of the religion, history, and culture of ancient Israel based upon a critical examination of the Hebrew scriptures within the context of ancient Near Eastern civilizations. Attention is given to the contemporary relevance of Israel's faith to the Christian church.

RELST 221

New Testament Christianity

3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of the basic religious and cultural characteristics of early Christianity based upon a critical analysis of the New Testament as understood within the context of Jewish and Greco-Roman religious and literary traditions.

RELST 254

Catholic Social Teaching

3 Credit Hours

This course is an examination and evaluation of 20th-century Roman Catholic moral teaching on the social order. Includes a close reading of major documents issued by the hierarchy and the theological commentary on these documents. Focus on the themes of the freedom and dignity of human life, war and peace, and economic and political justice.

RELST 261

Theology Informing Health-Care

3 Credit Hours

"Theology Informing Health-Care" will explore what the Christian/Catholic Tradition has to contribute to the understanding and practice of health-care. Although precise topics will vary depending on where the flashpoints are when it comes to the "proper" role of faith and theology, the course will explore birth control, abortion, end of life care, and assisted reproduction.

RELST 262

Christian Theology: God

3 Credit Hours

Pre/Corequisite: P (RQ) ENGL-120

This course will survey the development of the Christian doctrine of God, beginning with the scriptures and concluding with the present. Special attention will be given to post-Vatican II developments.

RELST 266

Suffering and Death

3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of central themes, resources and methods employed in Christian theological reflection upon human suffering and death.

RELST 271

Jesus and the Gospels

3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus based upon a critical analysis of both canonical and non-canonical Gospels together with an investigation of the ways in which the image of the historical Jesus was transmitted and transformed within the Christian communities that produced and utilized these gospels.

RELST 299

Issues in Religion

3 Credit Hours

This course includes religious issues that will vary from semester to semester.