

# Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies is an interdisciplinary program 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.

## Major

1. The Major in Catholic Studies is a four-part course of studies totaling 36 credit hours, which includes 18 credit hours in electives as indicated below:

### *Group I – Catholic History (3 credit hours)*

CATH 2203	Global Catholicism
HIST 3213	The Early Church

### *Group II – Catholic Theology (6 credit hours)*

CATH 2203	Global Catholicism
RELG 2313	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
RELG 2333	Introduction to the New Testament
RELG 2613	Basic Issues in Theology
RELG 3323	Book of Isaiah
RELG 3343	Gospel of John
RELG 3353	Christian Liturgy and Sacramental Life
RELG 3373	Jesus the Christ as Understood Throughout History
RELG 3623	The God of Christians

### *Group III – Faith and Reason (6 credit hours)*

PHIL 2133	Medieval Philosophy: Augustine, Neoplatonism and Arabic
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particular reference to official documents of the Catholic Church. Prerequisite: CATH 2003 or permission of the instructor.

**CATH 3813. Introduction to Catholic Studies I**

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.

**CATH 3823. Introduction to Catholic Studies II**

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**CATH 3833. Catholic Perspectives on War and Violence**

This course will examine the Catholic perspectives on war and violence, comparing them to other traditions. Topics to be discussed may include: attitudes towards war and violence in scripture and in the early Christian church, liberation theologies and violence, just war theory, the justifications of terrorism and military intervention, nonviolence and pacifism, and the obligation to seek peace and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

**CATH 3923. Independent Study**

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 Coordinator.

*NOTE: Not all courses listed are offered each year. Please consult with the Coordinator for more information about current and planned course offerings.*