

Course Descriptions

Apologetics

Have you ever wished to have more persuasive answers for people who ask questions about your Catholic faith? This course will present a systematic study of Apologetics, which aims to “give reason for your hope” (1 Pt 3:15) by defending the rational credibility of Christianity. First, the nature and history of Apologetics will be studied, along with the traditional methods to establish that it is reasonable to believe that the Christian faith is true. In addition, the course will discuss why and how Apologetics can be effective in today’s climate, with special focus on the New Apologetics for the New Evangelization. Finally, the course will respond to the principle current questions that are often raised regarding Catholic faith (e.g., the existence of God, the credibility of revelation, the historicity, miracles and resurrection of Jesus Christ, faith and science, etc.) and the contemporary challenges presented by materialism, moral relativism, the problem of evil and religious pluralism.

Christology

This course treats the Mystery of the Person and saving work of Jesus Christ. Topics center upon Biblical Christology (Historical-Critical Method, Earthly Ministry of Jesus and His Preaching of the Kingdom of God, the Passion and Resurrection of Christ), Historical Christology (Christological Teachings of the Early Church Councils, Patristic, Medieval and Modern Christology) and Systematic Christology (Theology of the Incarnation and the Hypostatic Union, Soteriology and Redemption, Christology and Mariology) within the perspective of witnessing to Christ in our contemporary postmodern world.

Conflict Resolution in Ministry

This course explores the dynamics of conflict (interpersonal disputes) from a Christian perspective with an emphasis on developing effective methods of resolving conflict for parish leaders and those working in ministry. It will examine Sacred Scripture and Church teaching as well as the work of theologians and conflict resolution specialists to deepen students’ understanding of conflict. The course will integrate skills building techniques to effectively engage in conflict in an authentically Christian way. Methods employed will include (1) theological reflection upon selected texts from Sacred Scripture, theologians, the Magisterium and lives of Saints, (2) communication skills of active listening, reflecting and reframing, and (3) conflict resolution strategies and skills. The dual approach of deepening student’s understanding of conflict and developing skills to resolve conflict aims to provide students with the ability to transform conflicts into opportunities and foster unity among the people of God.

Daniel and the Book of Revelation

“Daniel and the Book of Revelation” will discuss the historical context of both books, as well as their apocalyptic, prophetic, and symbolic elements. Particular consideration will be given to their composition as a response to persecution and to their messages of hope, which speak to us even in modern times.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition: Three credit course: \$1500 (credit) and \$500 (audit).

First-time students are eligible for a 50% discount for the first course: \$750 (credit), \$250 (audit).

Alumni discount: \$250 (audit only)

Fees: \$50 registration fee per session and \$50 application fee for new students

