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Catholic Studies Electives
for Students in Any Field



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We can guide you to discover the richness of the Catholic tradition so that you can experience the life that Jesus promises.

- Become an informed, confident Catholic
- Integrate your Catholic faith with your daily life and your career
- Form a community of friends who seek wisdom together
- Contemplate enduring questions
- Articulate and refine your thoughts through meaningful conversation
- Learn foundational truths through original documents

Courses assume no prior experience. Students from any field of study are welcome.



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COURSES



HIST 501: EARLY CHRISTIAN LITERATURE Listen to the voices of more than a dozen different Fathers of the Church spanning different cultural and linguistic contexts from Africa and Europe to the Ancient Near East. Students will learn about the lives, conceptual themes, and historical events that shaped the development of Christian writings in the first six centuries. **3 credits**



SCRI 502: THE BIBLE Investigate the religious content of the Christian Scriptures in light of the historical, social, and intellectual contexts out of which they emerged. The student will be introduced to problems and methods of interpretation. **3 credits**



RELI 503: DIVINE WORSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH What is the “work of God?” Students in this course will learn about the beliefs and practices concerning the sacred liturgy, its forms and historical development, Jewish roots, sacramental structure, and linkage to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. **3 credits**



HIST 504: CATHOLICISM AND MODERNITY: FROM VATICAN I TO JOHN PAUL II Explore the life of the Catholic Church from c. 1870-2005. Students will survey the influences of the Enlightenment, scientific revolution, liturgical movement, *ressourcement*, and the geo-political fallout of two world wars on the development of Catholic thought. Questions about faith and reason, Church authority and structure, the role of the laity, and social action will be focalized as students study the documents of the two most recent ecumenical councils. **3 credits**

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PHIL 505: PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC THOUGHT Grapple with “big questions” such as those concerning the existence and attributes of God; the possibility of revelation and miracles; providence, freedom, and suffering; the relationship between faith and science; the coherence and meaningfulness of Christian claims about God; and contemporary philosophical challenges to faith. **3 credits**



PHIL 506: ACTION AND THE HUMAN PERSON Who are we and where are we headed? Students in this course will contemplate freedom and responsibility, the goods which fulfill human persons, principles that govern practical reasoning, the structure of human action, relationships between reason and the emotions, and the determination of one’s character. **3 credits**

HOW THIS WORKS

1. Students can sign up by going to christendom.edu/@
2. During the semester, students will attend weekly interactive online lectures.
3. Students receive support and guidance to meet weekly in a small group.
4. Students may seek transfer credit with their home institution



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But for Whom are you going to live?

It can be difficult to find an education that will help you make sense of the big picture. Think beyond the courses available at your university. We deliver for-credit courses on the Catholic tradition to students in public or private non-Catholic universities.

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Students who complete 15 credits with Christendom@ are eligible to receive a pre-graduate Certificate in Catholic Thought and Culture from Christendom. Additionally, they may go on to pursue an accelerated MA at Christendom Graduate School.



For over 50 years, the Graduate School has been faithfully contributing to the restoration of all things in Christ by working for the renewal of the Catholic mind. Christendom Graduate School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, with classes offered in-person and live-streamed from our campus in Alexandria, VA.

TESTIMONIES



"It has helped me develop a greater appreciation for the great intellectual tradition of the Church and improved my prayer life. The class worked well with my course load at Purdue so I was able to complete well."

-Thomas Duane



"This has enabled me to better discuss my faith with my peers... Hearing the stories of the early Church Fathers and the lengths with which they were willing to go in order to hand down the Word of God to the next generation has encouraged me to live my faith in a humble yet bold way."

- Megan Geraghty



"The online classroom experience worked extremely well—I invariably sensed that my presence was felt in class, and I found it easy to contribute to class discussions."

- Samuel Adamson



"All of the readings were accessible and contributed greatly to my own spiritual growth. This course helped me gain confidence to further explore Patristic writings and other church documents."

- Morgan Hierlmaier



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