

CATHOLIC STUDIES, MINOR

Saint Louis University’s Catholic Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Jesuit commitment to finding God in all things.

SLU’s minor engages enduring questions of truth, meaning, beauty, suffering, justice, and human dignity through theology, philosophy, and the wider humanities and sciences. Students explore how Catholic thought has shaped culture and continues to contribute to contemporary conversations about human flourishing and the common good.

Designed to complement a student’s primary field of study, the minor invites students to draw on the resources of the Catholic intellectual tradition across diverse professional and vocational contexts, including business, education, health care and engineering. Coursework and a culminating integrative capstone encourage students to synthesize their primary academic discipline with Catholic thought and culture.

Co-curricular opportunities further support students in cultivating intellectual friendship, Ignatian spiritual practices, vocational discernment, and engagement with the broader community.

Requirements

Students must complete a minimum total of **18 credits** for the minor.

Code	Title	Credits
Theology (p. 1)		
	One course with the Catholic Studies—Theology attribute.	3
Philosophy (p. 1)		
	One course with the Catholic Studies—Philosophy attribute.	3
English (p. 1)		
	One course with the Catholic Studies—English attribute.	3
History (p. 2)		
	One course with the Catholic Studies—History attribute.	3
Catholic Studies Elective (p. 2)		
	One course with the Catholic Studies—Elective attribute.	3
Catholic Studies Capstone		
CATH 4960	Catholic Studies Capstone	3
Total Credits		18

Theology

One course with the Catholic Studies—Theology attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 2110	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 2210	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 2310	History of Christianity: The First 2000 Years	3
THEO 2515	Social Justice	3
THEO 2410	Making Christianity Credible	3
THEO 2415	The Church: Yesterday & Today	3
THEO 2430	Jesus and Salvation	3
THEO 2510	Christian Ethics	3
THEO 2610	The Christian Sacraments	3
THEO 2715	Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City	3
THEO 2820	Religion and Science	3
THEO 2840	Christianity and Literature	3

THEO 2900	Love and the Human Condition	3
THEO 3210	One Jesus, Four Portraits: The Gospels	3
THEO 3345	The Life and Theology of Augustine of Hippo	3
THEO 3415	Christ and Color: Liberation Theology	3
THEO 3510	Faith and Politics	3
THEO 3525	Green Discipleship: Theology & Ecology	3
THEO 3535	Sex, Gender and Christian Ethics	3
THEO 3560	A Post Human Future? The Ethics of Technology	3
THEO 3710	Arts of Hinduism and Buddhism	3
THEO 4510	War and Peace in the Christian Tradition	3

Philosophy

One course with the Catholic Studies—Philosophy attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
PHIL 3250	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 3300	Philosophy of the Human Person	3
PHIL 3360	Medical Ethics	3
PHIL 3380	Business Ethics	3
PHIL 3400	Ethics & Engineering	3
PHIL 3420	Environmental and Ecological Ethics	3
PHIL 3450	Disaster Narratives	3
PHIL 3600	Science and Religion	3
PHIL 4500	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 4810	Philosophy of Feminism	3
PHIL 4820	Philosophy and Race	3
PHIL 4840	Catholic Social Thought	3
PHIL 4850	Topics in Philosophical Anthropology	3

English

One course with the Catholic Studies—English attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 2250	Conflict, Social Justice and Literature	3
ENGL 2350	Faith, Doubt and Literature	3
ENGL 2450	Nature, Ecology & Literature	3
ENGL 2550	Gender, Identity & Literature	3
ENGL 2600	Introduction to Short Fiction	3
ENGL 2650	Technology, Media & Literature	3
ENGL 2750	Film, Culture and Literature	3
ENGL 3380	The Classics and Literature	3
ENGL 3470	Introduction to Shakespeare	3
ENGL 3620	Topics in Spirituality and Literature	3
ENGL 3700	The Bible & Literature	3
ENGL 3730	Introduction to Medical Humanities, Literature	3
ENGL 3740	Medicine and Literature	3
ENGL 4240	Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales	3
ENGL 4290	Topics in Medieval Literature	3
ENGL 4300	Age of Elizabeth	3

ENGL 4350	17th Century Literature	3
ENGL 4360	Milton	3

History

One course with the Catholic Studies—History attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
HIST 1120	Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present)	3
HIST 3030	The Byzantine World: Faith and Power in a Thousand-Year Empire	3
HIST 3040	From Barbarians to Crusaders: Europe in the Early Middle Ages	3
HIST 3050	From Cathedrals to Printing Presses: Europe in the Late Middle Ages	3
HIST 3080	Catholicism Since 1540	3
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	3
HIST 3220	Jesuits and Their Worlds	3

Catholic Studies Elective

One course with the Catholic Studies—Elective attribute, such as:

Code	Title	Credits
AAM 3350	African American Religious Traditions	3
ARTH 1500	Life & Times of Michelangelo	3
ARTH 2100	Art of Jerusalem and Three Faiths: Past and Present	3
ARTH 2200	Art in Rome	3
ARTH 2150	Saints in Art	3
ARTH 2450	Art of Pilgrimage and Crusades	3
ARTH 3410	Art of Cathedrals and Kings: Advanced	3
ARTH 3500	Early Renaissance Art in Italy: Advanced	3
ARTH 3510	High Renaissance Art Italy: Advanced	3
ARTH 3520	Art North Renaissance: Adv Art of Nobles & Merchants in the Northern Renaissance: Advanced	3
ARTH 3020	Christian Art: Advanced	3
ARTH 4900	Research Methods	3
BIOL 1200	Ecological Issues and Society	3
BIOL 1340	Diversity of Life	3
CMM 3440	Media Ethics	3
GR 3200	German Cultural History	3
GK 1010	Reading Greek I	3
GK 1020	Reading Greek II	3
GK 2010	Intermediate Greek Lang & Lit	3
GK 4700	Readings in Byzantine Greek	3
LATN 1010	Reading Latin I	3
LATN 1020	Reading Latin II	3
LATN 2010	Intermediate Latin: Language & Literature	3
LATN 4010	Latin Fathers	3
LATN 4100	Intro to Post-Classical Latin	3
LATN 4280	Readings in Saint Augustine	3
MDVL 2100	The Medieval World	3
RUSS 4510	The Russian Orthodox	3

WGST 1900	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
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Continuation Standards

A student must maintain a GPA in coursework for the minor in Catholic studies of at least 2.00.

Madrid

The Catholic studies minor at Saint Louis University-Madrid is a great educational opportunity to complete a comprehensive education that will help students as holistic individuals and qualified professionals. Being multidisciplinary, no matter what major or profession you pursue, the program can develop your critical thinking skills, as well as help you develop excellent written and oral communication skills. The Catholic studies minor can be an important credential in applying for graduate school or for employment after graduation.

The program is designed to explore major questions that have occupied Christian philosophers and theologians, artists and literary writers, political theorists and historians, and natural and social scientists for two millennia. In addition to a variety of courses in the Christian intellectual tradition, the Catholic studies minor offers interested students opportunities to explore the history and mission of the Society of Jesus and the traditions underlying SLU as a Catholic, Jesuit institution (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>).

Curriculum Overview

The Catholic studies minor requires a minimum GPA of 2.00 and 18 credit hours of coursework. Below are the attributed courses as seen in requirements that are offered at SLU-Madrid.

Catholic Studies—Theology attributed courses (3 credit hours, one course required)

- THEO 2110 Introduction to the Old Testament (3 cr)
- THEO 2210 Introduction to the New Testament (3 cr)
- THEO 2430 Jesus and Salvation (3 cr)
- THEO 2515 Social Justice (3 cr)
- THEO 2715 Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City (3 cr)

Catholic Studies—Philosophy attributed courses (3 credit hours, one course required)

- PHIL 2050 Ethics (3 cr)
- PHIL 3360 Medical Ethics (3 cr)
- PHIL 3380 Business Ethics (3 cr)
- PHIL 3420 Environmental and Ecological Ethics (3 cr)
- PHIL 4810 Philosophy of Feminism (3 cr)

Catholic Studies—English attributed courses (3 credit hours, one course required)

- ENGL 2250 Conflict, Social Justice and Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 2350 Faith, Doubt and Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 2450 Nature, Ecology & Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 2550 Gender, Identity & Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 2650 Technology, Media & Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 2750 Film, Culture and Literature (3 cr)
- ENGL 3470 Introduction to Shakespeare (3 cr)

- ENGL 4300 Age of Elizabeth (3 cr)
- ENGL 4360 Milton (3 cr)

Catholic Studies–History attributed courses (3 credit hours, one course required)

- HIST 1110 Origins of the Modern World to 1500 (3 cr)
- HIST 1120 Origins of the Modern World (1500 to Present) (0,3 cr)

Catholic Studies–Elective attributed courses (3 credit hours, one course required)

- ARTH 4900 Research Methods (3 cr)
- BIOL 1200 Ecological Issues and Society (3 cr)
- BIOL 1340 Diversity of Life (3 cr)
- GK 1010 Reading Greek I (3 cr)
- GK 1020 Reading Greek II (3 cr)
- LATN 1010 Reading Latin I (3 cr)
- LATN 1020 Reading Latin II (3 cr)
- LATN 2010 Intermediate Latin: Language & Literature (3 cr)
- WGST 1900 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3 cr)

Catholic Studies Capstone – 3 credit hours (one course)

- CATH 4960 Catholic Studies Capstone (3 cr)

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