



Academic Course Catalog 2009 - 2010

Religious Studies Department

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

RELIGION 9- OUR CATHOLIC FAITH-0013 - Freshmen

1 credit

This course is a survey of the Catholic religion. It is divided into three sections: what we believe (The Apostles's Creed); what we hope (celebrating the liturgy and sacraments); and how we live and pray according to Christ's law of love.

RELIGION 10-FORMING A CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE-0021 - Sophomores

.5 credit

The content of this course of study will try to help young Christians apply Catholic Christian moral values as maturing persons who are becoming increasingly capable of using decision-making skills to make free and responsible choices. The goal of the moral life is to achieve holiness, particularly eternal happiness with God. During this course students will be discussing many issues and concerns. They will have the opportunity to explore their decisions, behaviors, and the wisdom of the Bible and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The course invites students to look at morality that comes from Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition.

JESUS, ACCORDING TO A WOMAN-0061 - Juniors/Seniors

.5 credit

In this course we will examine Jesus in His relationship with women, and the changing image of women in church and society. This course will try to answer, "what does it mean that both women and man are made in God's image? How significant is it that Jesus was male? Was His prime importance humanness rather than maleness?"

SEXUALITY-MIND, BODY & SPIRIT-0059-Juniors/Seniors

.5 credit

This course will help Catholic teens integrate sexuality and spirituality. This course will answer the question: "How to make choices tonight that you can live with tomorrow." Validates abstinence. Addresses peer pressure, gaining and losing respect and standing up for yourself.

RELIGION 12-BEING CATHOLIC: BELIEVING, LIVING, PRAYING-0041 - Seniors Only

.5 credit

This course provides a comprehensive examination of the essential doctrines of the Roman Catholic faith. Based on the teaching of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* the course has as its foundation the "four pillars": The Creed, Christian Life, Sacraments, and Prayer with the study of faith as the unifying theme.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE-0050 - Seniors Only

.5 credit

This course is designed to give seniors an opportunity to be of service in their community. Students will be required to volunteer for a minimum of sixty hours of donated services. This may be accomplished within local parishes, nursing homes, senior citizen residences, hospitals or in other community projects. The approval of S. Barbara is required.

CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLES-0056 - Juniors\Seniors .5 credit

The course discusses the Christian vocational call by examining ways in which adults share God's love with others, through the single, married, and ecclesiastical lifestyles. The emphasis is on building positive relationships which are caring and responsive to the needs of others. The church's expectations for a Catholic wedding and marriage will be covered. Students will also discuss the joys, challenges, and difficulties that are part of each lifestyle. Students will also discuss the joys, challenges and difficulties that are part of each lifestyle. Students should also discover some of their own interests, aptitudes and desires of life.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH STORY-0055 - Juniors/Seniors .5 credit

The purpose of this course is to explore the various periods in the church's history as well as the key persons and events that have shaped the faith over the last two thousand years. Highlighted within the course shall be the role of American Catholicism, both yesterday and today. The student will be invited to reflect on his or her role in the Church as she enters the Third Millennium.

JESUS □ THE NEW TESTAMENT & HIS PARABLES- 0058 - Juniors/Seniors .5 credit

This course will examine the New Testament with a special emphasis on the parables of Jesus. The course will aim to help students to read the New Testament as the living word of the Lord with values that can be applied to one's personal life. Jesus' parables are timeless and powerful. Their characters are memorable. The spiritual truths taught cross time and history. Enjoy the insights as we explore the New Testament and many of the parables Jesus told on His way from Galilee to His death in Jerusalem.

COLLEGE LEVEL INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE-0060 - Juniors/Seniors .5 credit

This course is intended to introduce students to the Bible and its study. Students will begin with general knowledge pertaining to the history, composition, literary forms, transmission, translation, theology and different canons of the Hebrew and Christian testaments. The second part of the course will focus on selected contents of the two testaments. Upon successful completion of the course, students can receive three (3) credits from St. John's University. Requirements: School Average 85 □ minimum grade in Religion courses 85. Additional fee required for college credit.

COLLEGE LEVEL GOSPELS OF MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE-0062 - Juniors/Seniors .5 credit

Matthew, Mark and Luke are explored as parallel Gospel accounts that present a remarkably similar perspective on the life of Christ while retaining distinguishing particulars. Priority will be given to the picture of Jesus presented so uniquely by each Gospel writer.

Upon successful completion of the course, students can receive three (3) credits from St. John's University. Requirements: School Average 85 minimum grade in Religion courses 85. Additional fee required for college credit.

A survey of the beliefs and rituals, as well as the historical and cultural contexts of the major religious/philosophical traditions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism. A general comparison of Western and Eastern beliefs. Upon successful completion of the course, students can receive three (3) credits from St. Johns University. Requirements: School Average 85 minimum grade in Religion courses 85. Additional fee required for college credit.