



UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN THEOLOGY

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

“How much we need, in the Church and in society, witnesses of the beauty of holiness, witnesses of the splendour of truth, witnesses of the joy and freedom born of a living relationship with Christ!”

+ Benedict XVI, Mission to the United Kingdom



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Institute of Catholic Theology has formed an innovative partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville to provide college students in the Phoenix area the opportunity to study orthodox theology directly at the Institute of Catholic Theology and to receive transferable credit to universities in the Diocese of Phoenix, as well as hundreds of out-of-state colleges and universities.

Sharing in the dynamic spirit of Franciscan University, the primary goal of the Institute’s undergraduate studies is to deepen the student’s love for Christ through the study of Catholic theology. These courses are designed to strengthen in students a Catholic worldview through the formation of their intellect and imagination, providing an essential foundation for the development of a mature Christian faith, personality, and creative engagement with culture.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

The ICT *Undergraduate Studies in Theology* program is designed to assist college-age Catholics to strengthen their love for Christ by introducing them to core theological concepts. The program will help students to:

- ✠ **Deepen their Love of Christ:** The primary goal of the program is to deepen the student’s love for Christ through the study of Catholic theology.
- ✠ **Build Christian Community:** Students in the program meet in-person in the ICT classroom, allowing for the authentic building of community and Christian fellowship supported by instructors from the Phoenix area.
- ✠ **Strengthen their Vocation:** The formation helps students to articulate their faith in order to strengthen their Christian witness through prayer and charity.
- ✠ **Prepare to Engage the Culture:** To support the New Evangelization, the program helps students to live and renew the Christian life in today’s complex world.
- ✠ **Complement their Educational Goals:** For those enrolled at other academic institutions, this program helps them to earn credit towards those degrees while fostering in them a Catholic worldview.
- ✠ **Prepare for Further Studies:** For those considering a theological degree, the program prepares them to study theology academically, either at the undergraduate or graduate level.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

ICT undergraduate studies in theology are taught at the undergraduate level and are suitable for any adult, regardless of the level of one's catechetical/theological formation. The program is specifically geared towards:

- Current College Students
- Prospective College Students seeking academic credits
- Young Adults

COURSE OF STUDIES

Students take one class per semester. Students are accepted on a rolling basis and may enter the program at any semester and year.

Year A: 2020-2021

Fall—Foundations in Catholicism

Spring—The Word of God: Scripture and Tradition

Year B: 2021-2022

Fall—Christian Moral Principles

Spring—Catholic Social Teaching

INSTRUCTORS

All instructors in the program are in full communion with the Catholic Church and will receive the *mandatum* from our local bishop and make the Profession of Faith as outlined in *Ex Corde Ecclesia*. Instructors have at least a masters, licentiate, or doctorate degree.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ICT 101: Foundations of Catholicism

This course introduces the student to the teachings of the Catholic Church as it is rooted in Scripture and Tradition and faithfully proclaimed by the Church's magisterium (teaching office). Besides an introduction to Catholic doctrine, the course will also include some discussion of Church history, prayer and liturgy, the moral life, and Catholic life and theology.

ICT 102: The Word of God: Scripture and Tradition

This course studies God's self-revelation throughout salvation history as it has been received and handed on by the believing community in the forms of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Based on the Catholic doctrine of revelation and its reception as expressed in *Dei Verbum*, the course examines the central teachings of the Catholic faith, such as creation, fall, and redemption, Trinity and Incarnation, the Church and the Holy Spirit, as these have been expressed in the Scriptures and developed throughout the history of the Church's tradition. Emphasis is placed on reading primary sources, including major Biblical texts, writings of Church Doctors and Fathers, major theologians, magisterial documents, and writings from the Franciscan tradition.

ICT 103: Christian Moral Principles

This course elucidates the principles of morality that regulate Christian living. These principles are studied as they are found rooted in the New Testament documents and articulated throughout the history of the Christian community's lived existence, with a thorough look at the contemporary understanding of Christian moral theology as it is articulated by the magisterium of the Catholic Church and by theologians in union with the magisterium. Students will examine these principles as they apply to some perennial moral issues.

ICT 104: Catholic Social Teaching

This course is a broad study of general Church teaching on social questions with strong emphasis on the papal encyclicals and other Church documents. Major issues explored are poverty and the distribution of wealth, prejudice and racism, war and peace, criminal justice, the Gospel and the State, and international community and business ethics.

HOMEWORK

Students can expect up to two hours of readings and assignments for every hour of class.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

Courses will be on Mondays from 6pm-9pm. Each semester consists of 14 weeks and offered in-person at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish.

TUITION AND BOOKS

ICT tuition is \$450/course.

Payment in full due by the beginning of class. ICT will discuss payment plans upon request.

Tuition does not include textbooks. Students are responsible for obtaining textbooks/class resources.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Students will apply online, and admissions is rolling.

Fall Semester — Applications open January 15

Spring Semester — Applications open September 15

Pending availability, courses can be taken individually or can be audited.

Registration for individual/audited courses opens one month after program applications are available.

Students must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

OBTAINING ACADEMIC CREDIT

Students who transfer to Franciscan University will pay no additional cost for the credit.

Students who transfer to other universities will pay Franciscan University \$450 per ICT course for 3 undergraduate credits. Payment to Franciscan University happens at the beginning of the ICT course.

ICT undergraduate courses correspond to the following Franciscan University courses:

Institute of Catholic Theology Course	Franciscan University of Steubenville Equivalent
ICT 101—Foundations of Catholicism	THE 101—Foundations of Catholicism
ICT 102—The Word of God: Scripture and Tradition	THE 110—The Word of God: Scripture and Tradition
ICT 103—Christian Moral Principles	THE 115—Christian Moral Principles
ICT 104—Catholic Social Teaching	THE 320—Catholic Social Teaching

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