

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (CERTIFICATE(S))

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GENERAL INFORMATION

A certificate is an independent undergraduate program comprising 30 credits, leading to a diploma, or undergraduate certificate, approved by the Senate.

This certificate is for people who wish to acquire a solid understanding of the central issues of contemporary theology, while at the same time allowing them, according to their needs or interests, to explore certain aspects more deeply.

Certificate programs are **part-time programs**; courses cannot be taken on a full-time basis unless prerequisites can be fully respected.

Do not hesitate to contact an Academic Advisor to obtain more information.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory Courses (30 credits)

- » MIS2108 Theory and Praxis of Interreligious Dialogue **OR** THO2119 Selected Topics in Practice of the Church I
- » THO1306 Exploring the Sacred **OR** THO1307 Understanding the Bible
- » THO2147 Selected Topics in Ethics I **OR** THO3166 The Good Life: Ethics and Christian Tradition
- » THO2152 Selected Topics in the New Testament I **OR** THO3161 Introduction to the New Testament: Synoptic Gospels
- » THO2155 Selected Topics in the Old Testament I **OR** THO3160 Introduction to the Old Testament: Pentateuch and Historical Books
- » THO2189 Can we talk about God?
- » THO2315 Ethics and the Human Person **OR** THO2317 Religious Imagination and History
- » THO2316 Religion, Culture and Diversity
- » THO3125 Contemporary Church History **OR** THO3167 Early Christianity: The First Five Centuries (0-600 CE)
- » THO3162 Christian Faith: Encounter with a Self-Revealing God **OR** THO3164 Jesus the Christ and the Language of Christian Hope

COURSES

MIS 2108 - THEORY AND PRAXIS OF INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Dialogue as co-constitution of humans thanks to religious faith. Prerequisites and challenges involved in interreligious dialogue: in-depth dimension of faith; necessity of self-criticism; hermeneutic of religious convictions. Orthodoxy and orthopraxis. Harmony, conflict and end of religions.

THO 1306 - EXPLORING THE SACRED

The human effort to express the experience of the sacred and to name our sense of the "Beyond". The different forms such expressions have taken: cosmic wonder and its symbols, foundations stories, ritual life. The meaning of this effort for understanding the quest of the human spirit and its attempts to build order in society and community.

THO 1307 - WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible: book or library, history or story? History of the Jewish people and of the culture in which the Bible was written. The Bible and its content. Interpreting the text. The Jesus event. The influence of the Bible on history and on contemporary culture.

THO 2119 - SELECTED TOPICS IN THE PRACTICE OF THE CHURCH I

Study of a particular topic in the practice of the Church.

THO 2147 - SELECTED TOPICS IN ETHICS I

Study of a particular area of ethics.

THO 2152 - SELECTED TOPICS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT I

Study of a particular area of the New Testament.

THO 2155 - SELECTED TOPICS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT I

Study of particular area of the Old Testament.

THO 2189 - CAN WE TALK ABOUT GOD? AN INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY

An exploration of the origins of Theology as a discipline, of significant moments in its historical development, of its presuppositions, methods, and the basic questions it seeks to answer.

THO 2315 - BEING HUMAN



What is ethics? Introduction to the key ethical ideas that shape our lives. Ethical riches of the Christian tradition to understand ourselves and our responsibilities to other persons.

THO 2316 - RELIGION, CULTURE AND DIVERSITY

Exploring the challenges of religious, cultural, and gender diversity. Canadian context and globalization. Feminist approaches, social justice, liberation, religions and cultures.

THO 2317 - RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION AND HISTORY

An introduction to the history of Christianity through an exploration of its religious imagination. The use of biblical narratives, liturgy, symbolism, and visual expressions throughout the different periods.

THO 3125 - CONTEMPORARY CHURCH HISTORY

History of the Church from the 18th century to the present.

THO 3160 - INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

An introduction to the writings of the Old Testament through the study of the Pentateuch and Historical Books, with particular attention to their historical and cultural context

THO 3161 - INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

An introduction to the study of the New Testament through a critical study of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. Attention to the cultural and religious context of the New Testament and history of the formation of the Gospels; contemporary methods of biblical interpretation.

THO 3162 - REVELATION AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

A Christian theology of revelation: Creation as a locus for revelation; reflection on how God has spoken in the history of Israel; fulfillment of revelation in Jesus Christ; impact of divine self-disclosure in shaping early Christian communities; faith as a human response to divine self-disclosure; implications for understanding the inspiration of Sacred Scripture and the meaning of Tradition; Christian revelation and other world religions.

THO 3164 - JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Understanding Jesus of Nazareth, his identity, message and mission. Jesus the Messiah, Saviour, Lord, High Priest, son of Mary and Son of God. Theological interpretations of his death, resurrection and exaltation.

THO 3166 - THE GOOD LIFE: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS

An introduction to the field of ethics within theology. Historical development of ethical approaches within theology. Constitutive elements of moral existence. Moral existence and Christian faith.



THO 3167 - EARLY CHRISTIANITY: THE FIRST FIVE CENTURIES (0 - 600 CE)

Exploring the relationship between history and theology, methodologies of historical research. Survey of the historical evolution of Christianity from its beginnings to the end of the fifth century, with attention to early Christological debates.

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