

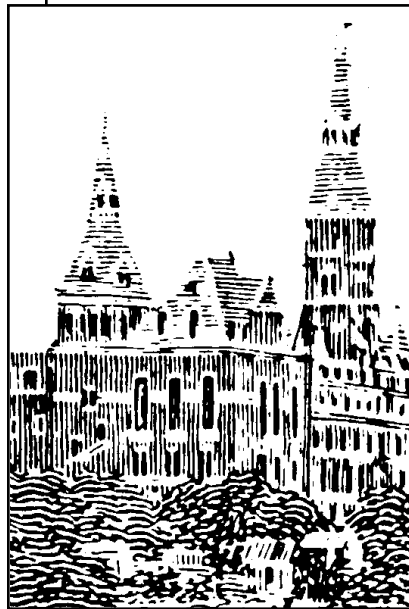
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CATHOLIC STUDIES

CURRICULAR FIELD



2009-2010

**LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

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The Liberal Studies Degree Program offers fourteen curricular fields of study within the Master's degree. The courses listed in this folder comprise the current course offerings for the year 2009-2010 for the **Catholic Studies** curricular field as well as additional course offerings anticipated in the future in this field.

CURRICULAR FIELD FACULTY

Candidates for the Liberal Studies degree are provided consultation and academic advising by their Curricular Field Faculty Advisors. The Core Faculty Advisor for **Catholic Studies** is **William J. O'Brien, Ph.D.**, *University of Chicago, Adjunct Professor of Theology, Georgetown University. He works in the areas of interdisciplinary studies, especially in theology and literature, philosophical, historical, and systematic theology.*

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General Requirements

Choosing a field of study requires that you complete six courses in that field, including a *Core* course and a *Human Values* course. MALS (graduate students) must also complete a 3-credit thesis reflecting this field. Some of the curricular fields have other requirements which are listed as **Additional Requirements**. The selected curricular field will appear on the final transcript of record. To complete the total number of credits required for the degree, 30 credits for the Master's courses may be selected from any Liberal Studies courses or other courses at the University appropriate to this degree with the approval of the Program Director.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDIES CURRICULAR FIELD

1. Four courses, two from each of the following categories, must be completed:
 - a) Systematic
 - b) Catholic Culture and Society
2. One course must be completed from the Biblical offerings.
3. No course may be counted twice to satisfy the *Core* course requirement and the five Catholic Studies course requirements. A course may be counted twice to satisfy the *Human Values* course requirement and the five Catholic Studies course requirements.

CATHOLIC STUDIES COURSES

Systematic: Courses that explore the sources, traditions, and doctrinal elaborations of Catholicism.

Aquinas and Kant on Faith (*Human Values*)
Augustine's *Confessions* (*Human Values*)
Classics in the Catholic Tradition (*Core*)
Theology and Liberation (*Core*)
Understanding the Symbolic Language of Religion (*Human Values*)

Catholic Culture and Society: Courses that explore the ways in which Catholicism has expressed itself in art, literature, ethics, spirituality, and other areas of human culture.

Adam and Eve in Theology and Image
Aristotle, Aquinas, and Kant (*Human Values*)
Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and the Late Medieval Renaissance (*Human Values*)
Classical to Medieval: Art, Culture, and Values
Dante: The Journey to Freedom (*Human Values*)
Favored or Fallen: Images of Women from the Scriptures in Art (*Human Values*)
Images of Empowerment: The Male Figure in Western Christian Art (*Human Values*)
Race, Class, Gender, and Religion (*Human Values*)
The Medieval Synthesis: Art and Religion in the Middle Ages (*Human Values*)
Theology and Imagination (*Human Values*)
Theology and Literature (*Human Values*)
Understanding Catholicism (*Core*)

Biblical: Courses that use the modern tools of historical criticism and other current scholarly methods to examine the foundational texts of the religion.

The Art of Biblical Literature (*Human Values*)
The Book of Genesis: Literature, Ethics, Theology (*Human Values*)
The Book of Job: Poetry and Theology in the Face of Suffering (*Human Values*)
The Gospels: Society and Ethics (*Core*)
The New Testament and Social Justice (*Human Values*)
Women in the Bible (*Human Values*)