



THEOLOGY

REQUIREMENTS: 4 years of Theology

GANNON UNIVERSITY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT: Upon matriculation at Gannon University, students can earn 3 credits (LTHE 121) when they earn a B or better in the following classes: Scripture/Theology 1 H, Catholic Traditions/Theology 2 H, Morality/Social Justice 1/Theology 3 H and Social Justice 2/Christian Lifestyle/Theology 4 H.

SCRIPTURE H SCRIPTURE A

1934
1944
Grade level: 9
Credit: 1.0

This course studies the Holy Scriptures of the Catholic faith, examining them as the first source of foundational understanding in Catholicism. The first semester focuses on the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the second semester focuses on the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). Particular emphasis is placed on teaching students how to conceive of, read, and interpret the Bible according to various approaches, including historical-critical methods, literary analysis, and theological reflection. Students will come to understand how the Scriptures form the basis of Catholic faith, and how they are applicable to a modern context. A service project including verification of 25 hours of community service and a reflection component must be completed. Honors courses involve a greater depth of analysis while Academic courses focus more on breadth. The Honors class is more writing intensive and includes extra outside reading.

CATHOLIC TRADITION H CATHOLIC TRADITION A

2934
2944
Grade level: 10
Credit: 1.0

This course examines the Tradition of the Catholic Church as a second piece of foundational understanding in Catholicism. Part of the course emphasis is teaching students that the Church believes both Scripture and Tradition are essential for understanding religious truth. Students will survey Elements of Faith, Christology, Trinitarian Theology, Ecclesiology, Sacraments, Prayer and Worship, and Church History. Additionally, students will continually be invited to examine the modern day Church and its particular challenges in light of these elements of Tradition. A service project including verification of 25 hours of community service and a reflection component must be completed. Honors courses involve a greater depth of analysis while Academic courses focus more on breadth. The Honors class is more writing intensive and includes extra outside reading.

Prerequisites for Catholic Tradition H: "B-" in Scripture H or "A-" in Scripture A or Theology Department approval

MORALITY / SOCIAL JUSTICE 1 H
MORALITY / SOCIAL JUSTICE 1 A

3932 & # 3952
3942 & # 3962
Grade level: 11
Credit: 1.0

After studying the two Catholic foundations for understanding religious truth, junior year invites students to begin studying topical issues of faith. In the first semester, students examine Catholic Morality, a catechism-based study of personal morality, understanding of sin, virtues, and processes of decision-making. The second semester begins studying Social Justice. This is the first half of a two-part course on issues of justice and peace. In this first half students will study the Scriptural foundations for the Church's view on social concerns, the history of Catholic Social Teaching, and the foundational issue of poverty and economic justice. A service project including verification of 25 hours of community service and a reflection component must be completed. Honors courses involve a greater depth of analysis while Academic courses focus more on breadth. The Honors class is more writing intensive and includes extra outside reading.

Prerequisite for H: "B-" in Catholic Tradition H, or "A-" in Catholic Tradition A or Theology Department approval

SOCIAL JUSTICE 2 / CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE H
SOCIAL JUSTICE 2 / CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE A

4952 & 4972
4962 & 4982
Grade level: 12
Credit: 1.0

Senior year begins in the first semester with Social Justice 2; this course picks up on the foundations of Social Justice 1 and examines other specific social concerns. This includes abortion and capital punishment, the environment, racism, sexism, homosexuality, and war. The second semester studies Christian Lifestyle, in which students will study personal identity formation and its relationship to faith, vocations, and relationships and sexuality. A service project including verification of 25 hours of community service and a reflection component must be completed. Honors courses involve a greater depth of analysis while Academic courses focus more on breadth. The Honors class is more writing intensive and includes extra outside reading, including summer reading.

Prerequisite for H: "B-" in Morality and Social Justice 1 H or "A-" in Morality and Social Justice 1 A or Theology Department approval

WORLD RELIGIONS

5912
Grade level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 0.50

This course will present an introductory survey of the religious traditions of the major religions of the world. This will include Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Some representative primal traditions, such as the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and the Native Americans of the Northern Plains, will also be included. The basic elements of religious tradition for each religion will be examined including: religious experience; religious beliefs and teachings; sacred stories or myths; ritual and worship; and sacred art and architecture. The course will have a "religious studies" perspective, attempting to approach the subject matter scientifically, through empirical observation and objective consideration, in the hopes of arriving at a value-free description of the various religious traditions. Students taking this course for Honors credit will sign a contract during the first week of class.