Short Courses in Theology
2017 - 2018

All welcome
No specific entry requirements & no assessments
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Interested In The Big Issues Of Life?

Our Short Courses Programme is an integral part of the Loyola Institute's outreach activity. Here you will find a varied and exciting range of lecture-only courses on subjects including *The Making of Catholic Theology, The Book of Kells: A Theological Reading, Jewish Origins and the Hebrew Bible* and *Ethics and Society in Catholic Traditions*. You can read more about the content of some of these courses in this booklet. These are non-assessed courses and do not have any course work or examinations.

All our courses are designed to provide an enriching opportunity to explore important themes and today's critical issues. They offer an opportunity to experience what we have to offer by joining our students in classes, without having to undergo formal assessment. These courses are suitable for all who have a curiosity about theology and the big issues of life, as well as those who may be considering undertaking further studies in theology.

These are daytime courses. They comprise two lectures a week for an eleven week term. Michaelmas (Autumn) runs from 25th September to 15th December 2017 and Hilary (Spring) runs from 15th January to April 6th 2018. The cost per module is €150.

For further details see page 16.
The Making of Catholic Theology
The Modern Period (c. 1900-2000)

Survey the political, cultural and religious contexts which influenced the changes and developments in modern Catholic theology.

Study:
- The political, cultural and religious context
- Profound changes in Catholic theology
- Anti-modernist regime
- Second Vatican Council

Theological Anthropology (Part A)

What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to flourish humanly, from a Christian perspective?

The topics will include:
- Being human as imago Dei (being in the image of God)
- Sin and human alienation
- Graced humanity – this is central!
Foundations for Theological Ethics

Numerous key debates that affect contemporary society come up for study in theological ethics. These include:

- What is meant by ‘natural law’
- The nature and role of conscience
- Moral authority of church teaching
- Historical and current perspectives on fundamental and contextual ethical debates

Eucharistic Theology

Vatican II described the Eucharist as the “source and summit of the Christian life”. This course provides an opportunity to study, in some depth:

- The origins of the Eucharist
- Development of understanding through the ages
- Contemporary issues and directions in Eucharistic theology
Mission, Culture and Diversity in a Global World

This course will explore the general trends in Christian mission history from the European age of exploration to the present day. There will be a particular emphasis on the Irish missionary movement.

The study includes:
• The theology of mission to the present day
• Major Christian traditions
• An emerging ecumenical paradigm of mission

The Making of Catholic Theology
The Medieval Period

This period was particularly fruitful in the formation of theology in the Catholic tradition. The course will study:
• The theology of the Monastic and Cathedral schools
• The emergence of the University
• The significance of Aquinas’ work
• The role of women in the medieval period
Also available during Michaelmas

- The Ethics of Embodiment
- Prophets, Seers and Sages
- Jewish Origins and the Hebrew Bible
- Catholic Theology in a Secular Age
- Introduction to Philosophy

The Book of Kells
A Theological Reading

The Book of Kells is one of Trinity’s greatest treasures. This course offers an opportunity to learn about the magnificent Book of Kells in the company of others.

In particular explore:
- The iconography of the manuscript
- The theological significance of the imagery
- The manuscript tradition
- Recent scholarship on the Book of Kells

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God: One and Three

The ‘God question’ of such wide and contemporary interest is studied in this course.

The topics include:

• The understanding of God as found in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament
• The texts of the early councils of the Church
• Trinitarian theology of major Western theologians, e.g. Augustine, Aquinas
• Contemporary theologians, such as Karl Rahner, Herbert McCabe, Catherine LaCugna, Elizabeth Johnson, Rowan Williams

The Development of Wisdom Literature

An opportunity to explore:

• Wisdom in the biblical tradition
• Proverbs
• Psalms, Wisdom and Lamentations
• The Book of Job
• Later Christian response to Israel’s Wisdom tradition
Theology in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation

The Reformation period has had a decisive influence in the shaping of Christianity, right up to the present era. This course will study major figures, key texts, and the social and political contexts of this period.

Key topics include:

- The debates about salvation
- The interaction of Church and State
- Misunderstandings revisited – the contemporary era

The Making of Catholic Theology

The Patristic Period

Study the foundations of Christian thought in its early centuries.

- The study will focus on the early centuries of the Church’s history
- There is a special emphasis on introducing the students to the different genres of patristic writings
- You will be led in detailed study of primary texts from a great wealth of sources
Ethics and Society

Learn the role and value of the tradition of Catholic Social Thought. The study includes:

- A reading of the social encyclicals of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
- Key concepts
  - The common good
  - Religious liberty
  - Economic justice
  - War and political conflict

Also available during Hilary

- Ethical Issues Today
- Liturgical Theology
- Theological Anthropology (Part B)
- Catholic Life and Thought in an Age of Enlightenment
- Ecclesiology
Further Information

Class Times
All classes take place during the day. For exact times of particular modules please contact Helen at the Loyola Institute, contact details below.

Term Dates
Michaelmas term (Autumn):
Monday 25th September - Friday 15th December 2017.

Hilary term (Spring):
Monday 15th January - Friday 6th April 2018.
*Note no lectures during reading week - 6th - 10th November 2017 and 26th February – 2nd March 2018*

Class Location
The classes all take place on the Trinity College Dublin campus, either here in the Loyola Institute in the ISE/Loyola Building or in lecture theatres nearby.

Cost
The cost per module is €150.
(A concession rate is available to second and third level students, unemployed persons and those in receipt of a social welfare pension.)
Please send a Cheque / money order made payable to: *Trinity College number 1 account*, for the attention of Executive Officer, Loyola Institute, Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, ISE/Loyola Building, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2.

Further Questions
Helen McMahon, Executive Officer of the Loyola Institute will be happy to answer any questions or queries you might have.
You can contact Helen at (01)8964790 or loyola@tcd.ie.

Loyola Institute Events

Here at the Loyola Institute we organise a number of different evening events, and conferences (some of which are free of charge). To join our mailing list and be kept informed of such events simply email Helen loyola@tcd.ie and ask to be added to the list.
Why Not Consider Studying Theology at Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin?

The Loyola Institute is dedicated to education and research in theology in the broad Catholic tradition. Our central concern is the creative intersection of theology, Church and contemporary society.

There are different ways you can study theology:

**Undergraduate**
- Catholic Theological Studies as a single honours degree course
- Or, you can combine with one of: History, Irish, Philosophy, Italian, as part of TCD's Two Subject arts degree.

**Part-time**
You can choose from a variety of modules and no exams are involved.

**Postgraduate**
- M.Phil. (taught)
- Masters and Ph.D (research)