All WELCOME

No Specific Entry Requirement & No Assessments
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 study theology by joining our students in class, 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 week starting 10th September to 26th November 2018 and Hilary (Spring) runs from week starting 21st January to 8th April 2019. The cost per module is €150 (for further details see page 12).
MICHAELMAS TERM:

Mission, Culture and Diversity in a Global World
(Lecturer: Dr. Dillon)
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
(Lecturer: Prof. Ryan )
This course will study the political, cultural and religious context in which Catholic theology developed in the medieval period.
For three centuries monastic schools, alongside cathedral schools, were the context in which a flourishing Christian literature thrived. The introduction of Greco-Arabic thought in the final decades of the twelfth century, as well as the development of university charters, led to new synthesis of previous lines of theological exploration in the works of Aquinas. Towards the later centuries of the medieval period new forms of social life, including new feminist roles, are the context in which notable movements of women mystics flourished. Some works of these women mystics will be studied.
The Ethics of Embodiment
(Lecturer: Assistant Prof. Erickson)

This module will examine the central importance of embodiment and incarnation in Christian theological traditions generally and Catholic Christian thought in particular. We will explore how Christian theoethical traditions think with and have defined (or not) bodies and flesh. Centred on the embodied themes of “vulnerability” and “resilience”, this module will ask how those carnal traditions might inform personal ethical stances and public politics. We will reflect upon a number of themes including embodiment as everyday practices like eating or bathing, sexual ethics, LGTBQ identity, race, ideas of the “body politic”, the politics of empathy, and embodied affect.

Eucharistic Theology
(Lecturer: Prof. Ryan)

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
Introduction to Jewish Origins and the Hebrew Bible
(Lecturer: Prof. Shepherd)

The variety of terms used to designate the ‘Hebrew Bible’ (e.g. Old Testament, Hebrew Scriptures, Tanak) indicate the richness of traditions related to these writings, the various ways that they are viewed, and also their life within different communities at different times.

This course will orient students to the development of a variety of documents that are, or were, included in the scriptural traditions of various Jewish and Christian communities in antiquity.

Literary and Historical Approaches to the Torah/Pentateuch
(Lecturer: Prof. Shepherd)

This module explores the Pentateuch, or Torah, a literary collection that has exerted a profound influence on Jewish and Christian religious expressions from antiquity to the present. Students will be introduced to the literary and theological features of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy as well as being offered an opportunity to develop skills of critical engagement in grappling with key texts such as the Creation and Flood narratives, the Akedah and their reception in antiquity and in contemporary culture.
Introduction to Philosophy
(Lecturer: Dr. McGlynn)

This course introduces students to the study of philosophy. It explores the major themes pursued and arguments put forward by Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Wittgenstein. It will explore the views of these thinkers on questions like: What is the nature of reality? What is knowledge, and is it possible? How is the mind related to the body? What is meant by virtue ethics? Students will be taught how to critically engage with these views.

HILARY TERM:

Ecclesiology: Unity & Diversity in Catholic Christianity
(Lecturer: Prof. Dunne)

Ecclesiology concerns itself with the theology of Church, its self-understanding, its governance and its ministry. The course will study:

- Key texts in contemporary Catholic self-understanding
- Some relevant documents of the Second Vatican Council
- The relation between local Church and universal Church
- Church governance and ministry
- Contested issues in the theology of the Church
The Book of Kells: A Theological Reading.
(Lecturer: Prof. Ryan and Prof. Casey)

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

Theological Ethics of Food
(Lecturer: Assistant Prof. Erickson)

How might food inform our theology? Is our food production just? How do we wrestle with injustice and problems like global hunger or thirst?

Topics Include:

- Introduction to contemporary theology of food
- Food systems and agriculture
- Vegetarianism and animal ethics
- The global water crisis
- Hunger, desire, and hospitality
God: One and Three
(Lecturer: Dr. Kirwan)

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

Theology in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation
(Lecturer: Prof. Pierce, Assistant Prof. Erickson and Prof. Casey)

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
From Joshua to the Exile: The rise and fall of Israel and Judah  
(Lecturer: Prof. Shepherd)

This module offers an opportunity for critical engagement with some of the most famous texts of the Hebrew Bible including those concerned with the Israelite conquest, the stories of the Judges (including Samson), the rise and fall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah and the careers of monarchs such as David, Solomon and Ahab. The historiographical value of these traditions will be facilitated by situating them within the context of the material culture and historiographical traditions of the Ancient Near East.

Catholic Life and Thought in the Age of the Enlightenment  
(Lecturer: Prof. Casey)

The purpose of this module is to survey the political, cultural and religious context in which Catholic theology developed in the Age of Enlightenment. An important aim will be to introduce the student to some representative figures in the theology of the period. Particular attention is given to the French Enlightenment as, arguably, it is the French Enlightenment that impacted most on theological thought in the Irish context. The Enlightenment made its contribution to theology through the development of more rigorous historical critical methods. The importance of documents of the first Vatican Council will also be studied.
Further Information:

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 (Autumn) runs from week starting 10th September to 26th November 2018
Hilary (Spring) runs from week starting 21st January to 8th April 2019.
Note: no lectures during reading week starting 22 October 2018 and 4th March 2019

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 of €100 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, Loyola Institute, Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, ISE/Loyola Building, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2.

Further Questions

Please 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. 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.

Prof. Lisa Sowle-Cahill, Boston College speaking at our one day seminar on ‘Living Humanly: Perspectives from Law, Morality and Science’.

Sébastien Maillard, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute delivered an evening lecture on ‘Spirituality and Brexit’

We hosted a half day seminar to explore the recent writings of Pope Francis on the Joy of Love.
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The Loyola Institute in Trinity College, Dublin is dedicated to education and research in theology in the broad Catholic tradition.

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