

Spring 2026**In-Person Degree Program****Courses**

*Online MTS-FT students will be registered by their Program Coordinator. Please contact your online Program Coordinator with any questions

Course Title	Subject	Course Number	CRN	Units	Course Level	Instructor/Dates/Times/Rm	Course Description
Fundamental Moral Theology	CE	501	110	3	Introductory	Warner Monday, 6pm - 9pm TBA	Moral theology helps us to live faithful lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our human dignity emerges from being created in the image of God, but our sin impedes our response to God's love. This course will present core sources (Scripture, tradition, natural law, and human experience), methods, and concerns of moral theology. Students will learn about models of moral decision making, virtue, conscience, and synodal discernment.
Introduction to New Testament	NT	501	111	3	Introductory	Kruger Wednesday, 6pm - 9pm Coronado 132 A/B	Introduction to the New Testament studies the writings of the New Testament with special focus on the Four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Pauline Letters. The course also covers the history and methods for interpreting the New Testament, especially in light of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum (1965).
History of Christianity II	HS	508	113	3	Introductory	Chinnici/Burns Thursday, 6pm - 9pm Coronado 132 A/B	A continuation of History of Christianity I, this course covers the development of Christianity from Reformation times to the 20th century. The first part covers the Reformation to Vatican I (Chinnici) and the second part covers the history of Catholicism in the United States (Burns).
Prophets	OT	503	112	3	Introductory	Zautcke Thursday, 1pm - 4pm Coronado 132 A/B	A survey of prophets in the OT proceeding along two axes: 1) a historical overview focusing on the "great" prophets of the 8th/7th/6th centuries; and 2) a thematic overview focusing on how the prophets spoke to their present and to the future.
Intercultural Theology	ST	603	114	3	Intermediate	Lee Wednesday, 6pm - 9pm TBA	This course will examine the historical interaction between Christianity and various cultures throughout its global mission of evangelization. It will explore a diverse approach to accommodating local cultures and study various contextual theologies and religious practices that have emerged in response to the specific concerns of local communities as they embrace and nurture Christianity in new contexts.
Luke/Acts	NT	603	115	3	Intermediate	Zautcke Monday, 6pm - 9pm Coronado 132 A/B	<p>This course is a study of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. We will explore these documents from a literary and historical perspective. To this end, we will examine the historical, cultural, and geographical setting of the gospel and Acts as well as its authorship, audience, literary techniques and characteristics, theology and important themes. We will also compare the purpose, themes and orientation of Luke's Gospel with the other synoptic gospels and compare Acts with other contemporaneous Greco-Roman literature.</p> <p>Prerequisites: NT-501 Introduction to New Testament, or instructor permission.</p>

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Intro to Sacraments	LS	604	116	3	Intermediate	O'Brien Thursday, 6pm - 9pm TBA	An exploration of the sacraments of the Catholic Church, their scriptural and historical background, development over the centuries and current practice. Special emphasis will be placed upon the Franciscan tradition in the theology of the sacraments.
Ministry Seminar: Franciscan Ministry Today	PS	605	117	3	Intermediate	McAlister Wednesday, 9am - 12pm Coronado 132 A/B	This ministry seminar required for MDiv students will include lectures on pastoral ministry, time in field placements, and group theological reflection exercises. Special attention will be given to ministry to marginalized groups as well as the proper formation of volunteers.
Intellectual and Spiritual Life in Christianity and Buddhism: Bonaventure and Chinul	SP	610	120	3	Intermediate	Lee Monday, 1pm - 4pm Coronado 132 A/B	<p>This course examines the intellectual and spiritual legacies of two influential figures in Christianity and Buddhism: Bonaventure (c. 1217–1274), a Franciscan theologian, and Chinul (1158–1210), a Korean Zen master. Both dedicated their lives to integrating intellectual inquiry and spiritual practice in pursuit of the ultimate goals of their respective traditions. A key focus of the course is the tension between two modes of religious discourse: positive (cataphatic) and negative (apophatic) theology. These approaches reflect different understandings of the divine or the ultimate, particularly in relation to its immanence and transcendence. The course fosters a meaningful dialogue between these traditions and between Western and Eastern perspectives.</p> <p>Prerequisites: 2nd year student, or instructor permission.</p>
Ecclesiology	ST	701	118	3	Advanced	Freyer Tuesday, 9am - 12pm Coronado 132 A/B	This course will introduce students to the mystery of the Church as a historically developing reality in which the People of God faithfully strive to understand and express what their life “in Christ” means both for them and for the world. Students will be challenged to see themselves as integral participants in the further development of this mystery, and to develop the critical eye necessary to seeing their present and future ministry in this light.
Theology of God & Trinity	ST	702	119	3	Intermediate	Freyer Monday, 9am - 12pm Coronado 132 A/B	<p>This is a basic course in the theology of God. We will consider the various understandings of God that have developed within Christianity over history and the challenges that are posed by science, philosophy and atheism.</p> <p>Open to 1st year or 2nd year MTS or MDiv students.</p>
Sacraments of Initiation	LS	701	121	3	Intermediate	O'Brien Tuesday, 1pm - 4pm Coronado 132 A/B	<p>This course takes as its foundation the liturgy and theology of Christian initiation expressed in the documents of the Second Vatican Council and in the current Roman Catholic liturgical rites: the Order of Baptism of Children, the Order of Confirmation, and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. In addition to studying the celebration and theology of the current rites, the course employs a historical-theological approach to examine how the practice and theology of Christian Initiation has developed from early Christianity to today in a variety of cultures and contexts.</p> <p>Prerequisites: LS-501 Intro to Liturgy, or instructor permission.</p>

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Post-Conciliar Reception in a Polarized Church	HS	703	122	3	Intermediate	Chinnici/Burns Wednesday, 1pm - 4pm Coronado 129	<p>This exploratory and advanced seminar will begin reflection on the reception of Vatican II in the post-conciliar global world, 1965 to 2025. Why has the Council been received so contentiously? What social and political forces shape its interpretation? The course will identify distinct interpretative frameworks addressing the relationship between history, theology, and change. The course will conclude with the challenges of a move from the conciliar synthesis, to episcopal collegiality, to synodality as the Church adapts to the emergent forces of the 21 st century.</p> <p>Prerequisites: 2nd year student with at least one History course and instructor permission.</p>
MA Thesis	MA	900	124	.25-6	Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Oliver Mamangun, for registration information — omamangun@fst.edu
MTS Thesis	MTS	900	125	.25-6	Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Oliver Mamangun, for registration information — omamangun@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	599	126		Introductory	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	799	127		Intermediate	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
Special Reading Course	SRC	899	128		Advanced	Advisor/Instructor	Contact Vice President, Sr. Juliet Mousseau, for registration information — jmousseau@fst.edu
MTS Comprehensive	MTC	900			Advanced	Instructor	Contact Academic Affairs Coordinator, Oliver Mamangun, for registration information — omamangun@fst.edu

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Intermediate (600–799)
Advanced (800–899)
Thesis (900)
Comprehensive (900)

CE	Christian Ethics/Moral Theology
HS	Historical Studies
LS	Liturgical Studies
NT	New Testament Studies
OT	Old Testament Studies
PS	Pastoral Studies
SP	Spirituality Studies
ST	Systematic Theology
SRC*	Special Reading Course

***Course Schedule and description subject to revision by Office of the VP of Academic Affairs**