



CATHERINE OF SIENA COLLEGE

2019 WINTER COURSES

We offer two streams of courses - 10 week courses, and 6 week courses. These are taught exclusively online, allowing you to work through course material at your own pace and at times convenient for you.

21 January - 08 March

Theology of Disability (6-Week Course) Course Creator: Dr Luca Badetti

Promoting Wellbeing and Health - Church-Based Practices (6-week Course)

Course Creator: Rev'd Marjorie Lewis

28 January - 12 April

Interreligious Engagement for Justice and Peace (10-week Course)

Course Creator: Dr Peniel Jesudason Rufus Rajkumar

Guardians of Faith (10-Week Course) Course Creator: Rev'd Dr Georgina Byrne

25 February - 12 April

Gender and Social Justice: African Theological Perspectives (6-Week Course)

Course Creator: Dr Nontando Hadebe

We have generous bursaries available! Contact us at
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6 - WEEK COURSES

Theology of Disability (21 January - 08 March)

This course is an exploration of disability from a theological perspective. It focuses on disability as a source of revelation of the human and the divine. First, drawing from Disability Studies, the course brings into question what disability is, expanding and challenging common understandings of disability. Secondly, the course introduces students to how disability has been presented in theological discourses past and present, ranging from Scripture and Church tradition to the inputs of contemporary Christian theologians. Lastly, the course will encourage students to reflect on their own theological understandings of disability, by presenting them with some major disability theology questions.

Promoting Wellbeing and Health - Church-Based Practices (21 January - 08 March)

One of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals is to 'ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.' This course adopts a case study approach to reflect on the church's role in promoting the ideal of good health and well-being for all. Students explore church-based strategies to confront communicable and non-communicable diseases and analyse the effects of intersecting systems of gender, poverty and life-style choices.

Gender and Social Justice: African Theological Perspectives (25 February - 12 April)

African theologies in general emerged from struggles against the injustices of colonialism in most of Sub-Saharan Africa and apartheid in South Africa. Because these injustices affected entire nations the focus was on national liberation which was assumed would bring liberation for all. The assumption was challenged by women in liberation movements who exposed patriarchy and gender inequality in all structures of society and culture.. This course will explore will introduce students to the rich history, diversity and evolution of African theologies in response to social injustice in general and gender in particular.

10 - WEEK COURSES

Interreligious Engagement for Justice and Peace (28 January - 12 April)

This course will look at how interreligious dialogue has contributed and can contribute to fostering justice and peace in a multi-religious world. Adopting the premise that the perspectives of the margins are essential for forging justice and peace today, the course will examine the motivation for and methodology of dialogue from the perspectives of the often-'othered' margins and re-imagine dialogue in conversation with Christian scriptures and spiritual/ritual practices.

Guardians of Faith (28 January - 12 April)

The history of the Church and the development of Christianity has largely been told by men, about men. Yet, over the course of two thousand years, women have been followers of Jesus Christ and members of the world-wide Church. This module seeks to help students uncover the rich story of women's participation in the spread of Christianity. Women were, from the beginning, teachers of the faith, hosts of Eucharistic celebrations, at the forefront of social action and preachers of the Gospel. This short course encourages students to look behind the traditionally-presented mostly male history and discover the women who have, all along, shaped the Christian faith as we have it.