



Online Certificate in Franciscan Studies

This four course certificate program is designed to:

- Provide a unified understanding of the Franciscan Tradition
- Prepare students to form Franciscan experiences in their personal and professional lives.
- Strengthen students' relationship with Franciscan History

REGISTER

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2011 - 2012 SCHEDULE

Enter your course anytime, anyplace within the four week schedule. See syllabus for schedule.

Course One:	Understanding Franciscan Origins & Values I	Sept. 26 - Oct. 21, 2011
Course Two:	Understanding Franciscan Origins & Values II	Oct. 24 - Nov. 18, 2011
Course Three:	Franciscan Spirituality and Evangelical Life	Jan. 9 - Feb. 3, 2012
Course Four:	Franciscan Tradition in Art and Literature	Feb. 6 - March 5, 2012

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course I: Understanding Franciscan Origins & Values I

This course aims to present the story of the early Franciscan movement: from the conversion of Francis of Assisi and the origin of the fraternity of Lesser Brothers that gathered around him; to the conversion of Clare and the beginnings of her community of Poor Sisters; to the association of lay men and women to the minorite charism in the towns of medieval Italy.

This is the first course in the Online Certificate Program in Franciscan Studies. The course runs for 4 weeks. Each week constitutes a Module that includes: an overview, assigned readings from various hyper links to related articles, and/or activities from Doc. Sharing, asynchronous Threaded Discussions or a Reflection Writing Assignment. Due dates and evaluation for each element of the Module will be clearly spelled out. Due dates for assignments are staggered throughout the week to give you time to read, reflect, interact and complete each assignment.

Course II: Understanding Franciscan Origins & Values II

This course aims to present some of the essential values emerging from the early history of the Franciscan

movement, when Francis, Clare and their companions were developing their way of life according to the Gospel. This is the second course in the Online Certificate Program in Franciscan Studies. The course runs for 4 weeks. Each week constitutes a Module that includes: an overview, assigned readings from various hyper links to related articles, and/or activities from Doc. Sharing, asynchronous Threaded Discussions or a Reflection Writing Assignment. Due dates and evaluation for each element of the Module will be clearly spelled out. Due dates for assignments are staggered throughout the week to give you time to read, reflect, interact and complete each assignment.

Course III: Franciscan Spirituality and Evangelical Life

This course in Franciscan Spirituality and the Evangelical Life is designed to enable you to understand and reflect upon the basis of Franciscan Spirituality and the Evangelical Life in terms of each person's relationship to God, Jesus Christ, the World and the Human Person through the following topics: conversion, poverty, the Cantic of the Creatures, and the aspects of fraternity and mutuality.

This is the third course in the Online Certificate Program in Franciscan Studies. The course runs for 4 weeks. Each week constitutes a Module that includes: an overview, assigned readings from various hyper links to related articles, and/or activities from Doc. Sharing, asynchronous Threaded Discussions and/or a Reflection Writing Assignment. Due dates and evaluation for each element of the Module will be clearly spelled out. Due dates for assignments are staggered throughout the week to give you time to read, reflect, interact and complete each assignment.

Course IV: Franciscan Tradition in Art and Literature

This course in the Franciscan Tradition in Art and Literature is designed to enable you to become acquainted with the influence that Francis and Clare had on artists from the Renaissance period to the present day. Also included in the course will be a module relative to the literature of Francis through a pictorial presentation of his Cantic of the Creatures and how Francis is represented in poetry and literature. This is the fourth and last course in the AFCU Franciscan Certificate Program.

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COSTS

- \$800 fee for the full certificate program (or \$200 per course).
- *Course availability and program costs are subject to change.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 6 business day notice of cancellation required for full refund.
- Classes cancelled with less than 6 business day notice will be subject to a non-refundable \$50 fee.

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