

## Graduate Certificate in **FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY**

*Eight centuries of intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral practice for today's world*

The Graduate Certificate in Franciscan Spirituality focuses on the lived experience of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition for today's Franciscan men and women, as well as those men and women who admire the spirituality of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

(GCFS) is open to Franciscan men and women, both secular and religious. It is also of crucial importance to those ministers, social workers, professors, and administrators serving in Franciscan schools and universities, hospitals, and other organizations of Franciscan outreach.

The certificate is designed for those who seek to enhance their understanding of over 800 years of Franciscan Spirituality and help them promote the Franciscan Identity of their communities and institutions. The courses for this certificate can also be used by students of the general and research MA in Theology with a concentration in spirituality to focus on Franciscan Spirituality. The same is true of the DMin in Spirituality.

The certificate promotes the development of one's own spiritual identity as well as a practical spirituality for various forms of Franciscan life and outreach.

- **18 credit hours**
- **The certificate can be completed in 1+ years and requires:**
  - 3 credits in Methods for the Study of Spirituality *or* Spiritual Formation.
  - 9 credits in the theological study of Franciscan Spirituality
  - 6 credits in interdisciplinary spirituality courses (Biblical, Historical, Liturgical, Intercultural, etc)

### **SAMPLE COURSES:**

- Origins of Franciscan Spirituality: Study Tour/Travels to Italy
- Biblical Foundations of Spirituality
- Theology and Spirituality of Religious Priesthood
- Liturgy and Popular Religiosity
- Christian History & Spirituality through Art & Architecture in Italy
- Ethics, Spirituality, and Global Climate Change

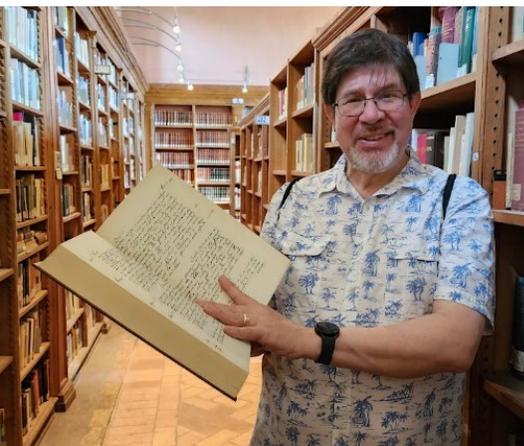
## Sample Course Mapping

Fall	Spring	May Term	Fall	Spring	May Term
Theology and Spirituality of Religious Priesthood	Foundations and Methods for the Study of Spirituality	Origins of Franciscan Spirituality: Study Tourgirmage	Biblical Foundations of Spirituality	Franciscan Topic	Franciscan Topic

### HOW TO APPLY

Academic programs at CTU are open to all qualified students who wish to study theology for personal or professional growth and enhance their ministry.

1. Complete and submit the application form online at [ctu.edu/franciscan-certificate](http://ctu.edu/franciscan-certificate)
2. Send supporting documents to admissions counselor (transcripts, letters of recommendation, and personal statement)



Since its founding in 1968, CTU has been blessed with the presence of the Friars Minor, the Capuchins, the Conventuals, Franciscan Sisters, and Secular Franciscans. CTU's commitment to the Franciscan Family is enshrined in the Endowed John Duns Scotus Chair of Franciscan Spirituality.

Franciscan religious, seculars, and people who work for Franciscan institutions like schools and universities, hospitals and health centers, and social service centers can all enhance their work and enrich their own spirituality by pursuing this certificate. It is especially helpful for those who...

- want a theological, historical, and spiritual background to their Franciscan spirituality
- direct an institution's Franciscan mission or identity office
- work in a Franciscan ministry of religious formation, spiritual direction, retreat ministry, or other types of spiritual accompaniment

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