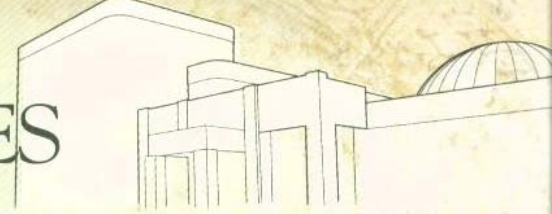


SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



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University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,100 students.

Department Mission

Courses taught in the Department of Philosophy and Theology stress the Catholic and Franciscan character of the university, encapsulated in five Franciscan values: 1) reverence the unique dignity of each person; 2) encourage a trustful, affirming community through Eucharist, prayer, and Gospel living; 3) serve with joy one another, society, and the Church; 4) foster peace and justice on all levels; and 5) respect creation and use resources wisely.

Several important dimensions of the Franciscan tradition are embraced by the faculty of the Department of Philosophy and Theology. The first of these is the goodness of God which flows into all of God's creation. This life-giving "good news" repudiates the culture of death in which we live in our modern world. Second, we believe that we joyfully meet Jesus Christ in each person, and seek God's goodness in every enquiring mind. Third, we strive to infuse all that we do, both inside and outside the classroom, with the love of Jesus Christ, rooted in his living presence in the Eucharist. In the

spirit of Saints Francis and Clare, students meet this living presence of Jesus, who is the origin, the way and the goal that forms and fulfills one's mind, heart and entire life. Fourth, we emphasize two ideas that defined the life of Saint Francis: the humility of Christ's Incarnation and the charity of his Passion. Fifth, we believe that Franciscan ideals speak to people from all walks of life and all religious persuasions, inviting all to a life of service, joy and wonder. Finally, we encourage all people to consider the specific contribution of the Catholic faith to questions about the meaning and purpose of life and the nature of ultimate reality.

In light of the foregoing, the Department of Philosophy and Theology is committed to the philosophical and theological enrichment of students and faculty and to being a resource for the Fort Wayne community. Specifically, its courses and programs are designed to: 1) explore the Catholic and Franciscan theological tradition; 2) foster interfaith dialogue and understanding; 3) promote solid scholarship, critical thinking and the development of interpersonal skills; 4) encourage personal faith development; and 5) provide a solid theoretical basis and effective practical experience for all who seek to serve others.

Major in Theology

Theology courses introduce the study of God and divine revelation. Students discover the sources of Christian faith and explore the Christian tradition, while reflecting on their own personal experience. Students also have the opportunity to study other faith traditions under the guidance of those who practice them. In all Theology courses the religious convictions of participants are respected.

A major in Theology equips one for further graduate work, prepares one for a

career of service and provides the skills necessary for deepening one's adult faith. Graduates have the theological and moral foundations, critical thinking ability and communication skills necessary to contribute meaningfully as citizens in contemporary culture. Those who earn a degree in a liberal arts discipline such as Theology are prepared for graduate studies and often go on to an academic career.

Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life

As part of the School of Liberal Arts, the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life promotes the unique spirituality of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi which animates the university. Through a program which includes speakers, discussion groups and prayer, the Center reaches out to students, faculty, staff, as well as the larger community to foster the Franciscan way of life, serving God, others and all of creation.

InterFaith Center

The department sponsors the InterFaith Center, a partnership of the department with other USF departments and religious organizations in the city and region. Its mission includes: 1) fostering personal development of participants' faith and understanding; 2) sharing the Catholic and Franciscan intellectual traditions; and 3) occasioning interfaith dialogue whenever possible.

Course Offerings

Old Testament
New Testament
Prayer and Worship
Introduction to Catholic Theology
Introduction to Moral Theology
Church and World
Jesus, Person and Mystery
Religions East and West

Peace and Justice
Islam
Christian Marriage and Family
Introduction to Protestant Theology
The Jew and His/Her World
St. Clare: Life and Light
St. Francis: Times and Charism
Religious Themes in Media
Religious Topics
Philosophy of Religion
Faiths in Dialogue
Pilgrimages

Financial Aid

Over 95 percent of undergraduate students receive financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimated packages may be available to any student who has been admitted to the university.

For More Information

Call the Office of Admissions at 260-399-8000 or 1-800-729-4732, or visit our website at www.sf.edu.

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