

3-Credit Religion Courses at Evergreen Catholic Outreach

Religious Studies 15 – Christ and Culture

Primary Text: *Christ and Culture*

The principal aim of *Christ and Culture* is to assist students, with the help of the Gospel, to participate as Christians in the shaping of our culture. The program explores major cultural issues from an Christological perspective. Beginning with their own life experiences, students acquire a deeper and more systematic knowledge of themselves, Christ's message, and the Church. Connections between the Church and contemporary culture are explored in terms of what it means to be a responsible adolescent disciple developing as a member of a Catholic, Christian community while living within the context of a broader culture.

Religious Studies 25 – Christ: The Centre of Salvation History

Primary Text: *Jesus of History, Christ of Faith*

Christ: The Centre of Salvation History invites students to understand Jesus through a study of Scripture. Students will briefly explore the Jewish historical, religious, and cultural world into which the Messiah was born and the Old Testament covenant fulfilled. Using the Gospels as primary sources, the course explores Jesus' birth, early life, and ministry; his preaching of the Kingdom of God; his special teachings, particularly the parables; and his miracles. It then focuses on the scriptural accounts of his death and Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost, and their central significance for the church's understanding of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. The course concludes with an overview of the development of Christology from the early Church to the present.

World Religions 30

Primary Text: *World Religions: A Canadian Catholic Perspective*

The World Religions Course introduces students to the range and diversity of world religions, and examines how systems of belief affect individual lives and social relationships. The course introduces students to the various expressions and responses to humanity's encounter with mystery in our quest for life's meaning. The course will provide an introduction to the life wisdom found in the responses of the major faith traditions to the compelling questions concerning the spiritual dimension of human experience, self-understanding, and the role of the individual within the family. Its purpose is to familiarize students with the language of religious discourse and to develop their awareness of the place and function of religion in human culture. This exploration can lead students to a more authentic adherence to their religious tradition and a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

Religious Studies 35 – In Search of the Good

Primary Text:

In Search of the Good: A Catholic Understanding of Moral Living

In Search of the Good challenges students to understand themselves as moral persons called to discipleship by living the way of Christ. Through an examination of ethical theories, the revelation of sacred Scripture, and the lived experience and teaching of the Catholic Church, the course invites students to mature as active participants in their faith. At the heart of catechesis is the human search for happiness as the completion of the superabundant love of God. The same tension which exists between the revelation of God's love and the explorations of human reason are worked out in the areas of freedom, justice, human relations, ecology, reconciliation, life in community and political life.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 15

CHRIST AND CULTURE

General Outcomes

Students will:

- A. Explore what scripture and the Church reveal about what it means to be human
- B. Understand the dynamic nature of culture and our role as agents within culture
- C. Examine the impact that faith in Christ, and the God who Jesus reveals, can have upon culture
- D. Explore relationships with self, others, and God as presented both in culture and from a Catholic perspective
- E. Recognize that Christians are called to relate to the world as disciples and witnesses
- F. Understand the importance of active participation in the life of the Eucharistic community

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 25

JESUS OF HISTORY, CHRIST OF FAITH

Christ, the Centre of Salvation History

GENERAL OUTCOMES

Students will:

- A. Identify Sacred Scripture as the primary source of Christian belief.**
- B. Know the Christian response to Jesus' question: "Who do people say I am?"**
- C. Discuss the implications of the teachings and ministry of Jesus**
- D. Recognize that disciples are called to be good stewards of creation**
- E. Discuss ways in which contemporary Christians cooperate in bringing about the Reign of God**

WORLD RELIGIONS 30

General Outcomes

Students will:

- A. Be nurtured in the Catholic faith as they deepen their understanding that all religions are a communal search for truth and relationship with the Divine.
- B. Grow in understanding of the historical development, central beliefs and practices, prayer rituals, symbols, sacred writings, family traditions and moral guidelines associated with various religions.
- C. Compare the importance of sacred space, worship and prayer within various religious traditions.
- D. Demonstrate an understanding of moral norms as a natural expression of faith that shapes human behaviour.
- E. Participate in a variety of prayer ritual experiences.
- F. Describe the relationship of religious moral precepts to social responsibility, and offer opportunities to participate in activities promoting peace, justice and the betterment of society in general.
- G. Grow in the ability to respond to the challenges of living in societies with religious pluralism, identifying movements, trends and beliefs within modern times and their impact on religion.
- H. Recognize proclamation and dialogue as two dimensions of the Catholic Church's evangelizing mission.
- I. Acknowledge the need to respect all religions and cultures, accepting interreligious dialogue as an opportunity to be enriched by each other and not as a cause for division.
- J. Develop the knowledge and skills necessary for research and effectively communicating their findings.
- K. Describe the nature of interreligious dialogue and discuss why it is necessary for peace and justice.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 35 IN SEARCH OF THE GOOD

General Outcomes

Students will:

- A. Understand themselves as moral persons invited to live the way of Christ
- B. Examine ethical theories
- C. Deepen their understanding of Christian ethics and morality as revealed in Sacred Scripture
- D. Recognize revelation and the Tradition of the Catholic Church as a guide to moral living
- E. Identify what contributes to happiness and the good life
- F. Explore the spiritual dimension of relationships
- G. Recognize the importance of living in community