

PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS (PLJ)

PLJ 1010 - Ecclesiastical Latin I

3 Credits

Elementary introduction to the Latin language, including grammar and vocabulary. Special attention is given to the place of Latin as the language of the Roman Catholic Church, and to its use in the texts of the Roman liturgy, Church documents, and the Church Fathers.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 1020 - Ecclesiastical Latin II

3 Credits

Elementary introduction to the Latin language, including grammar and vocabulary. Special attention is given to the place of Latin as the language of the Roman Catholic Church, and to its use in the texts of the Roman liturgy, Church documents, and the Church Fathers.

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1010

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 1050 - Catechism I: Catholic Doctrine

2 or 3 Credits

This course is a comprehensive treatment of the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Highlighting the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Part One: The Profession of Faith), the class examines the meaning of faith rooted in the Scriptures and Catholic Tradition.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 2000 - Introduction to Philosophy

1-3 Credits

This course introduces students to important philosophical themes and to the practice of closely reading philosophical texts through an engagement with historical and contemporary sources. Offered in spring.

Restrictions:

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PLJ 2010 - Ecclesiastical Latin III

3 Credits

Broadens and deepens skills gained in Ecclesiastical Latin I and II, with a focus on the documents and special vocabulary of the Holy See. (Offered occasionally)

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1010; PLJ 1020

Restrictions:

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PLJ 2020 - Ignatian Humanism

3 Credits

This course explores the Ignatian spiritual tradition as a distinct form of Christian humanism. Attentive to the writings of St. Ignatius Loyola, the impact of Renaissance humanism, and the emphasis on a faith that does justice, this course reflects on the pioneering attempts of Jesuits to navigate a variety of challenges, including the relationship between science and religion, missionary activity and interreligious dialogue, poverty and the protection of the vulnerable, and more. Accordingly, the course engages the life and work of Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, Robert de Nobili, Matteo Ricci, Edmund Campion, Teilhard de Chardin, and Alfred Delp.

PLJ 2050 - Catechism II-III

2 or 3 Credits

This course is a comprehensive introduction to parts II and III of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on sacraments and the moral life.

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1050

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 2311 - Beauty Ever Ancient: Aesthetics in Catholic Thought

3 Credits

This course examines human perception of and response to beauty and the foundational role it plays in Catholic thought and practice. Discussion of philosophical texts is complemented by personal engagement with masterpieces of art, music, and literature through specially designed exercises in contemplative perception.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 2800 - Biblical Greek I

3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Introduction to the basics of biblical Greek. (Offered occasionally)

Restrictions:

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PLJ 2900 - Tutorial in Catholic Thought and Culture

1-3 Credits (Repeatable up to 12 credits)

Limited in size to foster close collaboration between students and the instructor, tutorials focus on particular texts, figures, and traditions in Catholic thought and culture. Repeatable for credit, as topics vary.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 2930 - Special Topics

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 2980 - Independent Study

1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 3000 - Logic and Epistemology

3 Credits

An introduction to an Aristotelian account of logic and the acts of the mind and to the nature and possibility of knowledge, with a focus on developing and articulating a realist philosophy that provides a foundation and guiding inspiration for future courses and studies. Offered in fall.

Restrictions:

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PLJ 3050 - Liturgy and Sacraments I: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

2 or 3 Credits

This course presents the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as liturgical celebrations and rites that 'actualize' Christ in his Salvific Event.

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1050

Restrictions:

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PLJ 3055 - Liturgy and Sacraments II: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Marriage

2 or 3 Credits

This course studies the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Marriage.

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1050; PLJ 3050

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3060 - Introduction to Scripture: Biblical Hermeneutics and Salvation History

2 Credits

The course expounds on the basic concepts and criteria used in Biblical Sciences: Word, Revelation, transmission, Truth in Scripture, Canonicity, authenticity, integrity, Magisterium, tradition.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3100 - Ancient Philosophy

3 Credits

An historical introduction to the thought and texts of principal Greek and Roman philosophers from the Pre-Socratics to the Neo-Platonists, with special emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. (Offered every Fall)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3111 - Global Cultures of Catholicism: Ancient and Medieval

3 Credits

This course examines texts and artifacts that emerged from Catholic engagement of culture across multiple civilizations from the ancient world to the middle ages. The many cultures of global Catholicism born in this period share a fundamental interest in the metaphysical question about the origin and nature of that which exists.

Restrictions:

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PLJ 3150 - Philosophy of Nature

3 Credits

An introduction to the Aristotelian philosophy of nature (investigating change and motion in sensible bodies) and to the philosophy of science (investigating the significance and practice of scientific inquiry), especially in relation to Catholic belief and practice. (Offered every Fall)

Restrictions:

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PLJ 3200 - Medieval Philosophy

3 Credits

An historical introduction to the thought and texts of principal philosophers of the medieval period, with special emphasis on Augustine and Aquinas. (Offered every Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3300 - Philosophical Anthropology

3 Credits

A comprehensive examination—through a critical engagement with historical and contemporary sources—of the nature of the human person as an incarnate being possessing freedom, subjectivity, and powers of knowing. The course includes both Thomist and personalist perspectives. (Offered every Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3350 - Ends and Meaning in Ignatian Spirituality

3 Credits

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola provide a means for making decisions in a way that is consistent with our convictions and the pursuit of the common good. They offer us a practical guide for how to put our ideals into action that respects reality and the people whom our decisions impact. In this course, we will first explore these principles and their relationship to the broad knowledge-base students have acquired at the university. We will develop vision statements for post-undergraduate life that 1) use knowledge gained in university courses and student life, 2) apply principles of discernment, and 3) acknowledge the challenges and possibilities presented by a diversity of experience and opinion. Throughout the course we will explore, through the Ignatian paradigm, the question of how we can make decisions that are consistent with personal conviction and the common good of the communities to which we belong.

Prerequisite(s): Minimum Earned Credits of 60; (CORE 1000 or UUC Ignite Seminar Waiver with a minimum score of S); CORE 1500*

* Concurrent enrollment allowed.

Attributes: UUC:Collaborative Inquiry

PLJ 3550 - Church History I

2 or 3 Credits

Introduction to the patristic foundations of the Catholic Church. (Offered in Fall)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3555 - Church History II

2 or 3 Credits

A survey of the history of the church from Benedict of Nursia to the present day. (Offered in Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3660 - Topics in Sacred Music

2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Course addresses themes connected with the appreciation, history, and meaning of music, with emphasis on sacred music. (Offered occasionally)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3665 - Music for Worship

1-2 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Course focuses on the application of music theory in practice, with a view to preparing students to lead or participate in music for worship. The course is tailored to the individual needs of the students enrolled in the course.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3711 - Global Cultures of Catholicism: Modern and Contemporary

3 Credits

This course examines texts and artifacts that emerged from Catholic engagement of culture in the period of globalization from the modern to the contemporary age. The many cultures of global Catholicism born in this period share a fundamental interest in anthropological questions sparked by modernity's turn to the human subject.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 3930 - Special Topics

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 3980 - Independent Study

1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 4000 - Metaphysics

3 Credits

An introduction to the foundation of philosophy, the science of being, emphasizing an Aristotelian-Thomistic perspective while also addressing modern and contemporary views. Offered in fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4050 - Christian Prayer

1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This course covers the basics of spiritual theology, prayer and its development and presents the insights of some of the spiritual masters, ending with a treatment of some contemporary issues regarding spirituality and prayer.

Prerequisite(s): PLJ 1050**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4100 - Modern Philosophy

3 Credits

A historical introduction to the thought and texts of principal philosophers of the modern period (17th through 19th centuries), with special emphasis on Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Hegel, concentrating on their metaphysical and epistemological arguments. (Offered every Fall)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4111 - The Good Life in Catholic Thought

3 Credits

This course explores rival conceptions of the good life in light of classic contributions from the tradition of Catholic thought. The role of personal dispositions and practices in human flourishing, including cultivation of the cardinal and theological virtues, receives special attention.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4250 - Natural Theology

3 Credits

A continuation of the study of metaphysics, treating the subject of being in relation to its principle and end, God as Subsisting Infinite Being and First Cause, and the nature of human knowledge of Him. (Offered every Fall)

Restrictions:

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PLJ 4310 - Ethics

3 Credits

This course introduces ethics by beginning with Saint Thomas' account of the final end, action, virtues, and law as found in his *Summa Theologiae*. The course will conclude with Pope John Paul II's intervention into moral theology, *Veritatis Splendor*. (Offered every Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4311 - Masterpieces of Global Catholic Literature

3 Credits

This course introduces students to masterpieces of global Catholic literature across a range of historical periods and genres. The identification of thematic connections between works is complemented by intensive training in writing and critical literary analysis.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4350 - Social-Political Philosophy

3 Credits

An historical and systematic introduction to the study of the human as a social-political being, focusing on such topics as the nature, origin, and purpose of political order and its relation to transcendent truths, with readings from historical and contemporary sources. Offered in spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4711 - Integration Seminar in Catholic Thought and Culture

3 Credits

This course explores the principle of catholicity and the question of what can give coherent unity to the world's multiplicity. Integrating previous coursework in Catholic aesthetics, metaphysics, anthropology, and ethics, students choose an issue from their principal field of study to analyze in light of Catholic thought.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4800 - Contemporary Philosophy

3 Credits

An historical introduction to the thought and texts of principal philosophers of the contemporary period (19th century to the present), focusing especially on their metaphysical and epistemological arguments. (Offered every Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4900 - Integration Seminar

1-3 Credits (Repeatable up to 12 credits)

In this course students integrate philosophy with knowledge in other fields of study. The course may be offered as a self-contained study of the connections between philosophy and other fields, or offered as an inter- or cross-disciplinary supplement, taken in tandem with one or more other courses.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4930 - Special Topics

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Pre/Corequisite: PLJ 3000 or PHIL 2050.

Prerequisite(s): (PLJ 3000 or PHIL 2050)

PLJ 4960 - Capstone Project

3 Credits

Students write a capstone paper that integrates multiple sources of knowledge-philosophical, theological, ministerial, and other relevant disciplinary perspectives-in addressing a challenge presented by a context of ministry with which they have some direct personal experience.

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 1700 and PHIL 2050; PHIL 3250*, PHIL 3300*, PHIL 4500*, and PHIL 4600*

* Concurrent enrollment allowed.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4965 - Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason

2 or 3 Credits

This course provides a capstone to the philosophy curriculum by considering themes from various parts of philosophy as focused in the prism of the relation between faith and reason and by building connections to the study of theology. The primary text for the course will be Pope John Paul II's *Fides et ratio* and key topics will include the relation of faith and reason and the threefold character of philosophical inquiry as realist, metaphysical, and sapiential. (Offered every Spring)

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 4980 - Advanced Independent Study in Philosophy and Letters

1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 5800 - Ignatian Discernment in Jesuit History

3 Credits

e and constant adaptation mark the entire course of the nearly five hundred years of Jesuit history. Tracing the Society's history offers a practical course in Ignatian discernment, marked as this history is by the constant need to adapt spiritual ideals to ever-changing realities. In this course, we will explore the development of Jesuit ministry, governance, education, and formation in the light of the paradigm for discernment laid out by the Spiritual Exercises. By so doing, Jesuit history will offer a catalyst for discussion about contemporary questions facing the world, the Church, and the Society.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

Attributes: Philosophy & Letters

PLJ 5820 - The History of the Practice of the Spiritual Exercises

3 Credits

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola cannot be fully understood apart from the history of their practice. The published text of Spiritual Exercises is an indispensable guide to the giving the Exercises, but the meaning of the Spiritual Exercises is most fully expressed in the way they are lived by those who experience them. Jesuits have utilized the text of Spiritual Exercises in different ways at different points in the Society's history, adapting to the contingencies of the eras through which the Society has lived. In this course, we will explore the practice of the Spiritual Exercises as it changed over the history of the Society. In this way, we will seek to understand both the internal dynamics of the Exercises and the way the practice of the Exercises has shaped, and been shaped by, the history of the Church and the Society.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the Coll. of Philosophy Letters college.

PLJ 5900 - Integration Seminar

1-3 Credits (Repeatable up to 12 credits)

In this course students integrate philosophy with knowledge in other fields of study. The course may be offered as a self-contained study of the connections between philosophy and other fields, or offered as an inter- or cross-disciplinary supplement, taken in tandem with one or more other courses.

PLJ 5930 - Special Topics

1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PLJ 5960 - Capstone Project

3 Credits

Students write a capstone paper that integrates multiple sources of knowledge-philosophical, theological, ministerial, and other relevant disciplinary perspectives-in addressing a challenge presented by a context of ministry with which they have some direct personal experience.

PLJ 5980 - Graduate Independent Study in Philosophy and Letters

1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)