

ART 275 PHOTO JOURNALISM

This course introduces visual communication skills, while enhancing written and oral communication skills with the intent of building bridges and giving voice to self and others. Students develop interviewing and presentation skills, as well as the ability to use photographic imagery to express and serve within the context of a religious, mission-focused life. Students gain confidence using a smartphone camera and several free apps, making their new skills democratic and accessible.

COM 275 DIGITAL PUBLIC WITNESS

Social media has changed the way we engage the world. Many people use social media to escape reality while others use it to build and maintain community. Reading the signs of the time, it is clear that the Church must spread its mission to these digital spaces. In this course, students will learn how to take their public witness skills into the digital realm by learning about digital public witness opportunities, develop strategies and skills to produce digital public witness products, and how to evaluate the success of their efforts. Please note, students in this class will produce digital public witness presentations that will be shared online with the public.

ICS 450 TRAUMA & HEALING

Explores trauma and the profound effect it has on people's lives around the world. Examines the role of culture in determining how to promote healing from trauma and subsequently build resilience. Reviews trauma and healing from a cross-cultural perspective, both within the US context and within other cultural contexts worldwide. Asserts that trauma cannot only be healed through a western-based psychological approach, but also through non-western therapeutic cultural interventions that promote healing.

THM 133 CATHOLIC CATECHISM & THEOLOGY

A programmatic study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The four major sections of the Catechism are examined in turn: the Creed (what the Church believes); the Sacraments (what the Church celebrates); the Commandments (what the Church lives), and; the Lord's Prayer (what the Church prays). Provides an overview of essential Catholic theological principles. Required for entry into any other Theology & Mission course beyond the Core Curriculum.

THM 277 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Introduces seven fundamental principles of Catholic Social Teaching derived from papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents: Life & Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Rights & Responsibilities; Option for the Poor & Vulnerable; Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers; Solidarity, and; Care for God's Creation.