RCS 354
Shapers of Roman Catholicism

Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Changes

~~Active~~**Retired**

Warning: All versions that start after the retired version will be deleted.

Workflow Status

In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval | Approval Delegate(s)

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Changes
- Effective Term and Year

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2025

Quest Course ID
8412

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Retire

Academic Unit Approval
01/31/2025

Last Offering of Course
2010

Retired Impact ❓
Yes

Retired Impact Details
Since this course has not been offered in over 15 years, we assume that it is not necessary for the programs which list it as an elective (Medieval Studies and Catholic Studies). We have informed both programs of our plans to retire the course. Catholic Studies is already represented in Religious Studies, and so was part of the decision to retire it in the first place.

Rationale for Change ❓
This course has not been offered since 2010. There are no plans to offer it since it is unlikely to reach the enrollment threshold.

Consultations ❓
This course appears on lists for Medieval Studies and Catholic Studies, and we have informed both programs of this planned retirement.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Religious Studies

Subject Code ❓
RCS

Number ❓
354

Course Level
300

Title ❓
Shapers of Roman Catholicism

Abbreviated Title ❓
Shapers of Roman Catholicism

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❓
An examination of influential Christian thinkers - both historical and contemporary - who have played a critical role in shaping Roman Catholic thought and practice. Issues include debates on the nature of God, sin and redemption, authority in the Church, and perspectives on gender and sexuality.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Lecture

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
- Complete 1 of the following
  - Must have completed at least 1 of the following:
    - HIST235 - History of Christianity (0.50)
    - RCS240 - History of Christianity (0.50)
    - RCS250 - History of Christian Thought (0.50)
    - RCS255 - Roman Catholicism (0.50)
  - Must have completed at least 1 of the following: RS151, RS240, RS250, RS255

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓
Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓
Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans
COURSE LISTS
∨ H-Medieval Studies ‐ Medieval Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯
∨ Medieval Studies Minor ‐ Medieval Studies Minor   View Programs ❯
∨ 4G-Medieval Studies ‐ Medieval Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)   View Programs ❯
∨ 3G-Medieval Studies ‐ Medieval Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Three-Year General)   View Programs ❯
COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)
∨ Catholic Studies Minor ‐ Catholic Studies Minor   View Programs ❯

RCS 491
Special Topics
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Changes

~~Active~~ **Retired**

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Workflow Status

In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval **|** Approval Delegate(s)

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Changes
- Effective Term and Year

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2025

Quest Course ID
10231

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Retire

Academic Unit Approval
01/31/2025

Last Offering of Course
2013

Retired Impact ❓
No

Rationale for Change ❓
This course has been offered only once, in 2013, for a topic that is now a course in our curriculum. In general, "Special Topics" courses do not attract students. If we do want to offer a "Special Topics," we are keeping RCS391 for that purpose.

Consultations ❓

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Religious Studies

Subject Code ❓
RCS

Number ❓
491

Course Level
400

Title ❓
Special Topics

Abbreviated Title ❓
Special Topics

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❓
Consult the department for special topics.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Lecture

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
Yes

Total Completions Allowed
10

Allow Multiple Enrol in a Term
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❷

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❷

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

There are no dependencies

RCS 495
Study Term Abroad
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Changes

~~Active~~**Retired**

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Workflow Status

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SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2025

Quest Course ID
10729

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Retire

Last Offering of Course
2010

Academic Unit Approval
01/31/2025

Retired Impact ❓
No

Rationale for Change ❓
This is a full term of study abroad, worth 2.5 credits. It was last offered in 2010, in India. Given currently budgetary conditions, and faculty capacity, there are no plans to offer this course again.

Consultations ❓

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Religious Studies

Subject Code ❔
RCS

Number ❔
495

Course Level
400

Title ❔
Study Term Abroad

Abbreviated Title ❔
Study Term Abroad

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❔
Consult the department for current offerings.

Units ❔
2.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❔

Components ❔
Reading

Primary Component
Reading

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❔
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❔
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❔
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❔
Department consent required

Consent to Drop ❔
No consent required

Prerequisites ❔
No Rules

Corequisites ❔
No Rules

Antirequisites ❔
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❔

Notes ❔

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

There are no dependencies

RCS 499
Senior Seminar
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Changes

~~Active~~**Retired**

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Workflow Status

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Changes
- participants
- Effective Term and Year

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2025

Quest Course ID
12736

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Retire

Academic Unit Approval
03/14/2025

Last Offering of Course
Winter 2023

Retired Impact ❓
Yes

Retired Impact Details
There is a simultaneous proposal to remove this course as a plan requirement.

Rationale for Change ❓

This course has long been a low enrollment course. There is a simultaneous proposal to remove this course as a plan requirement, and so there will be no reason to offer it.

Consultations ❓

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Religious Studies

Subject Code ❓
RCS

Number ❓
499

Course Level
400

Title ❓
Senior Seminar

Abbreviated Title ❓
Senior Seminar

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❓
This seminar examines contemporary methods and theories in the study of religion and how they may be used to address specific themes in religious studies.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Seminar

Primary Component
Seminar

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
Department consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
- Complete all of the following
  - Students must be in level 4A or higher
  - Enrolled in H-Religion, Culture, & Spirituality

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

ˇ 4G-Religion, Culture, & Spirituality - Religion, Culture, and Spirituality (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)   View Programs ❯

ˇ H-Religion, Culture, & Spirituality - Religion, Culture, and Spirituality (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯

SPAN 300
Theories of Cultural Identities
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Changes

~~Active~~**Retired**

Warning: All versions that start after the retired version will be deleted.

Workflow Status

In Progress
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Admin Notes

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2024

Quest Course ID
15677

Offering Number
2

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Retire

Academic Unit Approval

Last Offering of Course
Over five years ago

Retired Impact ❓
Yes

Retired Impact Details
SPAN 300 is being retired because its cross-listing with CI 300 is being removed. The content offered under SPAN 300 will continue to be offered in CI 300.

Rationale for Change ❓
As the cross-listing with CI 300 is removed there are no plans to offer SPAN 300 again. The content will continue to be delivered under CI 300.

Consultations ❓

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies

Subject Code ❓	**Number** ❓	**Course Level**
SPAN	300	300

Title ❓
Theories of Cultural Identities

Abbreviated Title ❓   **Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier**
Cultural Identities: Theories   No

Description ❓
Students examine the work of various theorists, both historical and modern, who have contributed to the intellectual framework within which culture and cultural expression can be studied in order to deepen their ability to conduct critical inquiry into the formation of cultural identity.

Units ❓   **Exceptions to fees or academic progress units** ❓
0.50

Components ❓   **Primary Component**
Lecture   Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
Yes

Cross-Listed Courses ❓
CI 300 - Theories of Cultural Identities   (0.50)

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓   **Consent to Drop** ❓
No consent required   No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓
- Taught in English.

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❷

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❷

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

There are no dependencies

PHIL 254
Science, Ethics, Dogs
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval | Approval Delegate(s)

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Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Quest Course ID

Offering Number

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
New

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for New Course ❓
The course has successfully run three previous terms under a special topics designation. With a proof of concept, the Department of Philosophy has decided to give the course its own course designation. The course draws students from across all faculties.

Consultations ❓
All consultation done within the Department of Philosophy. The new course was unanimously voted on in a departmental faculty meeting on January 24, 2024.
Consultation with the Department of Biology complete.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
254

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Science, Ethics, Dogs

Abbreviated Title ❓
Science, Ethics, Dogs

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❷

This course examines the social and ethical dimensions of science through an investigation of scientific research with dogs. Through reading and discussing philosophical, scientific, and policy work, as well as engaging popular media, students will develop their understanding of research ethics, scientific practice, and the interactions between science and social values, all the while learning about the relationships between humans and our canine companions.

Units ❷

0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❷

No

Components ❷

Lecture

Primary Component

Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❷

Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❷

No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❷

No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❷

No consent required

Consent to Drop ❷

No consent required

Prerequisites ❷

No Rules

Corequisites ❷

No Rules

Antirequisites ❷

- Not completed nor concurrently enrolled in: PHIL271 Topic 10: Animals in our Lives, Topic 12: Human-Canine Relationships, Topic 15: Science, Ethics, Dogs

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❷

Notes ❷

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❷

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❷

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans
There are no dependencies

PHIL 400
Philosophy as Practice
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval | Approval Delegate(s)

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Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Quest Course ID

Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Offering Number

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓   **Academic Unit Approval**
New   02/28/2025

Rationale for New Course ❓
The new 400-level course and the reduction of the number of 400-level courses required for the 4-year plans are intended to both solve a persistent structural problem with the Philosophy program, and to add pedagogical value for Philosophy Majors.
Structural problem: The current 4-year degree requirements impose a structural limit on the number of students who can fulfill the requirements each year, and as a result we do not currently have the capacity for all of our Majors to satisfy the program requirements. The introduction of a new required course is part of the solution to this structural problem. The other part of the solution is the reduction of the number of 400-level courses students need to take.
Background: Philosophy currently offers four 400-level courses per year: two in Fall and two in Winter. All four are run as 'held with' 600-level graduate courses. Majors in the 4-year plans currently need to take at least three of these courses. Because these courses are run as 'held with', there are typically around 10 seats available for undergraduate students, which means a total capacity of 40 seats per year. As a result, no more than 13 students can complete their 400-level requirements in any given year. There are typically more than 13 students in 4A/B in a given year, meaning not everyone has been able to satisfy their requirements. We have been using ad hoc strategies to help these students, but these strategies are limited and not sustainable, and a structural solution is needed.
Changes: We are aiming to address this structural problem through two changes. On the 'demand' side, our proposal is to reduce the number of 400-level courses required for a 4-year degree from three to two, which reduces the demand on the existing four 400-level courses. On the 'supply' side, our proposal is to add a new 400-level course that will be required for all 4-year Majors. In combination, these changes significantly increase the overall capacity of the 4-year program.
There are two reasons that the proposed course needs to be required: one structural, one pedagogical. Structurally, making the course required helps ensure that it will consistently draw enough students to run. There is a risk that adding a fifth 400-level course that was not required would fail to draw 18 students and so be at risk of being cancelled. Pedagogically, making the class required allows the Department to reinforce research and communication skills. An observed phenomena in 400-level seminars 'held with' 600-level seminars is that many undergraduate students take on the role of observer, with graduate students then dominating classroom discussions. An undergraduate-only required course centres undergraduate students in discussion and will give them more space to develop research and communication skills at a proficient level. This maps onto both the department's plan-level learning outcomes, and the university-level learning outcomes.

Consultations ❓
The Chair of the Department of Philosophy (main campus) consulted with the Chair of the Department of Philosophy at St. Jerome's University. This was done as there are prior agreements between the departments.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
400

Course Level
400

Title ❓
Philosophy as Practice

Abbreviated Title ❓
Philosophy as Practice

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Description ❓
In this undergraduate seminar, students will conduct philosophical research in topic chosen by the Department. Students will cultivate effective techniques for sharing their research outcomes. Class activities may include close readings of philosophical texts, presentations on ideas and arguments arising from these texts, and leading of class discussions. Students will enhance their skills in analyzing source material and integrating it into their own research projects. Students will develop their own philosophical perspectives and practice methods for disseminating those perspectives to academic and/or non-academic audiences.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓
No

Components ❓
Seminar

Primary Component
Seminar

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
- Complete all of the following
    - Students must be in level 3A or higher
    - Enrolled in 3G-Philosophy, 4G-Philosophy, H-Philosophy, or Philosophy Minor

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❷

Notes ❷

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❷
Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❷
Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans
There are no dependencies