



Online

Course

**FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY
& INTELLECTUAL TRADITION**

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FRANCIS AND CLARE



PONTIFICIA FACOLTÀ TEOLOGICA SAN BONAVENTURA - SERAPHICUM

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSITÀ ANTONIANUM

This two-year course (in English) offers a basic formation in *Franciscan Spirituality and Intellectual Tradition*. The aim of the course is to provide an overview of Franciscan Studies and the works of the great Franciscan masters, by systematically exploring the themes of the charism of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. From this perspective, some aspects of Franciscan life will also be presented in relation to the mission of the Church, realized through discipleship in the world of yesterday and today, with a hope for tomorrow. The various sections of the course will follow their own methodology of integrating study with praxis, so that knowledge of Franciscan Spirituality becomes a way of life.

Academic Year 2024-2025

**I SEMESTER
(14 weeks)**

1. The Great Franciscan Masters (Prof. Freyer Johannes) – 8 hours
2. Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction (Prof. Acatrinei Stefan) – 4 hours
3. Franciscan Sources (Prof. Acatrinei Stefan) – 6 hours
4. St. Clare's Sources (Prof. D'Souza Henry) – 6 hours
5. Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching (Prof. Lasky Michael) – 6 hours
6. The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified (Prof. Spirito G.) - 10 hours
7. Franciscan Ecclesiology (Prof. Divakar Motha) – 6 hours
8. Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis (Prof. Paul Alvares) – 6 hours

Workshop:

Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication (Prof. Kachelewa Joseph) – 4 hours

II SEMESTER

(14 weeks + closing week)

1. Franciscan Spirituality & Charism (Prof. Dolphy Pais) – 6 hours
2. Franciscan Christology (Prof. Kijas Zdzislaw) – 6 hours
3. Franciscan History (Prof. Mączka Adam) – 8 hours
4. Franciscan Mariology (Prof. Arokiam John) – 8 hours
5. Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels (Prof. Ooko Blasio) – 6 hours
6. Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction (Prof. Parambakathu Alfred) – 8 hours
7. Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure (Prof. Dolphy Pais) – 10 hours

Workshop:

Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today
(Prof. Arokiam John) – 4 hours

IN TOTAL: 116 hours

Areas of Study (modules)

1. **Dogmatic Theology:** (20 hours)
Franciscan Christology; Franciscan Ecclesiology; Franciscan Mariology
2. **Pastoral Theology:** (14 hours)
Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching: Part I; Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication; Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today.
3. **Spiritual Theology:** (30 hours)
Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction; The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified; Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis; Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure.
4. **Franciscanism:** (36 hours)
Franciscan Sources; The Great Franciscan Masters; Franciscan History; Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction; St. Clare's Sources.
5. **Theology of Consecrated Life:** (12 hours)
Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels; Franciscan Spirituality & Charism.

More Info

Dates: Tuesdays, 15 October 2024 to 27 May 2025

Class Hours: 14:00 – 17:30 (CET – Rome Time)

Target Audience: Franciscans from all three Orders, anyone with a Franciscan heart

Integrating Paper: A paper of 3-4 pages is required at the end of the course, in which the participants will describe a topic from one of the subjects that resonated with them the most and led them to reconsider their role in the mission of the Church, realized through Franciscan discipleship in the world.

A *Certificate of Attendance* will be issued at the end of the course.

Registration: from July, 1st to October, 21st 2024

The application for registration, together with a photocopy of the identity card and the tax code and the receipt of payment of the participation fee, must be sent to the e-mail address: servizifacolta@seraphicum.org

Fees

Individual Fee: € 100.00 (per year)

Community Fee: € 300.00 (per year)

I SEMESTER

I WEEK – 15 October 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.55 - 16.40	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.50 - 16.35	Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction	Acatrinei Stefan
16.45 - 17.30	Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction	Acatrinei Stefan

II WEEK – 22 October 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.55 - 16.40	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.50 - 16.35	Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction	Acatrinei Stefan
16.45 - 17.30	Notions of Spirituality: An Introduction	Acatrinei Stefan

III WEEK – 29 October 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.55 - 16.40	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan

IV WEEK – 5 November 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.55 - 16.40	The Great Franciscan Masters	Freyer Johannes
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan

V WEEK – 12 November 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Sources	Acatrinei Stefan

VI WEEK – 19 November 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.50 - 16.35	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry
16.45 - 17.30	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry

VII WEEK – 26 November 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscanism & Catholic Social Teaching	Lasky Michael
15.50 - 16.35	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry
16.45 - 17.30	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry

VIII WEEK – 2 December 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.55 - 16.40	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.50 - 16.35	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry
16.45 - 17.30	St. Clare's Sources	D'Souza Henry

IX WEEK – 10 December 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.55 - 16.40	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha

X WEEK – 17 December 2024

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.55 - 16.40	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha

XI WEEK – 7 January 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.55 - 16.40	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Ecclesiology	Divakar Motha

XII WEEK – 14 January 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.55 - 16.40	The Franciscan Way: Knowing Only Christ & Him Crucified	Spirito Guglielmo
15.50 - 16.35	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares
16.45 - 17.30	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares

XIII WEEK – 21 January 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication	Kachelewa Joseph
15.55 - 16.40	Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication	Kachelewa Joseph
15.50 - 16.35	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares
16.45 - 17.30	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares

XIV WEEK – 28 January 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication	Kachelewa Joseph
15.55 - 16.40	Workshop: Fraternal Living: Essence of Communication	Kachelewa Joseph
15.50 - 16.35	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares
16.45 - 17.30	Eucharist & the Writings of St. Francis	Prof. Paul Alvares

II SEMESTER

I WEEK – 4 February 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam

II WEEK – 11 February 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam

III WEEK – 18 February 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00-14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
14.55-15.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Charism	Pais Dolphy
15.50-16.35	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam
16.45-17.30	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam

IV WEEK – 25 February 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan History	Mączka Adam

V WEEK – 4 March 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John

VI WEEK – 11 March 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Christology	Kijas Zdzislaw
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John

VII WEEK – 18 March 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00-14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
14.55-15.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
15.50-16.35	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John
16.45-17.30	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John

VIII WEEK – 25 March 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Mariology	Arokiam John

IX WEEK – 1 April 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
15.55 - 16.40	Franciscan Spirituality & Living the Evangelical Counsels	Ooko Blasio
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambathu Alfred
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambathu Alfred

X WEEK – 8 April 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred

XI WEEK – 29 April 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred

XII WEEK – 6 May 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred
16.45 - 17.30	Franciscan Third Order: An Introduction	Parambakathu Alfred

XIII WEEK – 13 May 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today	Arokiam John
16.45 - 17.30	Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today	Arokiam John

XIV WEEK – 20 May 2025

Time	Course	Professor
14.00 - 14.45	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.55 - 16.40	Mystical Writings of St. Bonaventure	Pais Dolphy
15.50 - 16.35	Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today	Arokiam John
16.45 - 17.30	Workshop: Being, Becoming, and Guiding the Franciscan Family Towards a Fraternal Life Today	Arokiam John

XV WEEK – 27 May 2025

TESTIMONIES and VISION OF A FILM (or other initiatives)

3 JUNE 2025: Submission of Integration Paper.

N. B. Some of these subjects will be completed in the next academic year.