

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

Course and Description

A.Y. 2019-2020

FIRST YEAR –FIRST SEMESTER

Subject Code	Subject Name	Course Description	Units	Prerequisite	Equivalent Subject with the Old Curriculum (2018-2019)
EN101	Purposive Communication	This course seeks to develop students' communicative competence and enhances their cultural and intercultural awareness through multimodal tasks that provide them opportunities for communicating effectively and appropriately to a multi-cultural audience in a local and global context. It equips the students with tools for critical evaluation of a variety of texts and focuses on the power of language and the impact of images to emphasize the importance of conveying messages responsibly. The knowledge, skills and insights that students gain from the course may be used in their other academic endeavors, their chosen disciplines and their future careers as they compose and produce relevant oral, written, audio-visual and/or web-based output for various purposes. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)	3	-	Communication Arts I
HS114	Readings in Philippine History	The course analyzes and expose the students to different facets of Philippines history. The discussions will tackle traditional topics in history and other interdisciplinary themes that will deepen and broaden their understanding of Philippine Political, economic, cultural, social, scientific, and religious history. This course includes mandatory topics on the Philippine Constitution, agrarian reform and taxation. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)	3	-	Philippine and Asian History
PH102	Ethics	The course discusses the context and principles of ethical behavior in modern society at the level of individual, society, and in interaction with the environment and other shared resources. The course also teaches students to make moral decisions by using dominant moral frameworks by applying a seven-step moral reasoning model to analyze and solve moral dilemmas. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)	3	-	-
SC101	Introduction to Old Testament	This course studies the world of the Hebrew Bible, its peoples and cultures, with special focus on Pentateuch and Historical books.	3	-	Introduction to Old Testament
NSTP1	NSTP I	The course contains the theoretical foundations	3	-	NSTP I

		of the course covering topics that aim to provide students with a holistic understanding of the service training component of course in lieu of ROTC. (Far Eastern University , 2018)			
PE101	Liturgical Dance	The course offers forms and expressions in worship from the choreographed dramatic presentation to spontaneous worship and celebration of individuals and congregations adapted to the Asian context. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)	2	-	PE1
FIRST YEAR –SECOND SEMESTER					
Subject Code	Subject Name	Course Description	Units	Prerequisite	
HS115	The Life and Works of Rizal	The course is a study of Rizal’s life and writings in the total context of the formation of the Filipino nation. This course considers the historical movements forming the background of Rizal’s works and the relevance of his principles and ideas to the modern Philippine situation. The course seeks to impart to the students the values, and love of one’s native land and, therefore, includes a conversation with relevant historical figures of other Asian nations.	3	-	The Life and Works of Rizal
PY101	Understanding the Self	This course intended to facilitate the exploration of the issues and concerns regarding the self and identity to arrive at better understanding of one’s self. It strives to meet the goal by stressing the integration of the personal with the academic – contextualizing matters discussed in the classroom and in the everyday experiences of students –making the better learning, generating a new appreciation for the learning process and developing a more critical and reflective attitude while enabling them to manage and improve their selves to attain a better quality life. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)	3	-	General Psychology
MT101	Mathematics in the Modern World	This course deals with nature of mathematics, appreciation of its practical, intellectual and aesthetic dimensions, and application of mathematical tools in daily life. The course provides tools for understanding and dealing with various aspects of present-day living, such as managing personal finances, making social choices, appreciating geometric designs, understanding codes used in data transmission and security and dividing limited resources fairly. (CMO No. 20, series of 2013)	3	-	Applied Mathematics with Accounting

SC102	Introduction to New Testament	This course provides an introduction to the Jewish-Graeco-Roman world of the first century and to the methods and approaches used in the study of the New Testament. It gives a brief overview of the contents of the books of the New Testament.	3	SC101	Introduction to New Testament
TH105	Interreligious Studies	This course deals with questions for Christian theology raised by the encounter with other faiths and examines the principles and conditions of inter-religious dialogue. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Universal Savior, while in the context of world religions, Christianity appears as just one of the many ways to salvation.	3	-	Interreligious Studies
PH103	Fundamentals of Philosophy	This course enables the students to analyze the dynamic structure of human consciousness and to explore its implications. The course will help the students analyze and evaluate the process of knowing the richness and diversity of life.	3	-	Fundamentals of Philosophy
PE102	Asian Folk and Contemporary Dances	The course is designed to allow students to share and appreciate the richness of their traditional heritage through folk dancing, which is also an integral part of the community. A group presentation would be an expected output of this course.	2	-	PE2

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Subject Code	Subject Name	Course Description	Units	Prerequisite	Equivalent Subject with the Old Curriculum (2018-2019)
HM101	Art Appreciation	This course discuss the different forms of art namely: visual arts, dance, music and literature. Students are expected to connect arts and history and determine the contribution of arts to the lives of the people. The discussion also includes the contribution of famous painters, dancers, musicians and writers to the arts.	3	-	Art Appreciation
SA131	The Contemporary World	This course introduces students to the contemporary world by examining the multifaceted phenomenon of globalization. Using the various disciplines of the social sciences, it examines the economic, social, political, technological, and other transformations that have created an increasing awareness of the interconnectedness of peoples and places around the globe. To this end, the course provides an overview of the various debates in global governance, development, and sustainability. Beyond exposing the student to	3	-	Sociology of Change

		the world outside the Philippines, it seeks to inculcate a sense of global citizenship and global ethical responsibility. (Commission on Higher Education , 2016)			
PE103	Asian Games and Sports	This course seeks to enhance physical fitness and develop the health of the students through physical activities such as sports. This course provides lectures and training of the popular contemporary games such as basketball, volleyball, table tennis among others.	2	-	PE3
NSTP2	NSTP II	The course is a sequel to NSTP 1. It is designed to immerse students in activities that will arm them the capability to contribute in uplifting the general welfare and the quality of life of the community and the enhancement of its facilities especially those that are devoted to improving the health, environment, entrepreneurship, safety, recreation and morale of the citizen. (Balaba, n.d.)	3	NSTP1	NSTP II
TH114	Introduction to Theology	This course is intended to enable students to reflect critically on theology in the light of experience and tradition. It describes theology as both a process and a product of faith. As a process, it describes the interaction between human experience and the components of the Christian tradition. As a product, it describes the theological methods of some contemporary theologians.	3	PH103	Introduction to Theology
	Elective Course (GE)				
SECOND YEAR –SECOND SEMESTER					
STS101	Science, Technology, Society	This interdisciplinary course engages students to confront the realities brought about by science and technology in society. Such realities pervade the personal, the public, and the global aspects of our living and are integral to human development. Scientific knowledge and technological development happen in the context of society with all its socio-political, cultural, economic, and philosophical underpinnings at play. This course seeks to instill reflective knowledge in the students that they are able to live the good life and display ethical decision making in the face of scientific and technological advancement. This course includes mandatory topics on climate change and environmental awareness.	3	-	

SC103	Synoptic and Acts	This course provides an introductory overview and emphasis on literary integrity of each of the Synoptic Gospels and Acts.	3	SC101; SC102	Synoptic and Acts
TH115	Systematic Theology	This course provides for the contextual understanding of theology in a systematic and analytical approach. It aims to provide a theological explanation and appreciation of the mysteries of the Christian faith and the relationships between doctrines of Christology, Church, Christian Life, and Eschatology.	3	PH103; TH114	Systematic Theology
TH117	Ecclesiology	This course delves in the origin of the Church, its connection to God and its significance in the New Testament, Tradition, Vatican II. It also provides discussion on the contemporary understanding of Church. The course focuses on Church as mission and as community, in dialogue with the world.	3	SC101; SC102; PH103; TH114	Ecclesiology
PE104	Oriental Healing Arts	The course includes discussion on meditative movements and oriental healing arts such as Shibashi, Qi Gong, Acu-therapy, combined movement, meditation and visualization and breath regulation to enhance the flow of vital energy in the body.	2	-	PE4
	Elective Course (GE)		3	-	
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THIRD YEAR –FIRST SEMESTER

Subject Code	Subject Name	Course Description	Units	Prerequisite	Equivalent Subject with the Old Curriculum (2018-2019)
TH118	Christology	This course discuss today's Asian context of massive poverty and pluralism in culture and religion. This course starts with knowing Jesus Nazareth doing his earthly ministry in the context of 1 st century Palestine. Jesus' words and actions will be examined in light of the customs and traditions of his own culture. This will bring out and highlight deeper meanings which lead to new insights and deeper appreciation of the radicalness of Jesus' proclamation of the Reign of God. Working with the gospel accounts, the students will enter into the experience of the disciples who shared the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, who offered his life to his God given mission of proclaiming the Reign of God. From	3	SC101; SC102; PH104; TH114	Christology

		the lens of the disciples' experience, the students will see examples of how to respond to the call of the Reign and participate in Jesus' mission.			
TH119	Christian Understanding of God	The course concentrates on explaining the unity and integrity of Christian tradition as Trinitarian, while showing the personally and socially transformative dimensions of such belief.	3	SC101; SC102;	Christian Understanding of God
TH120	Fundamentals of Moral Theology	This course provides discussion on moral challenges of Christian faith. It explains biblical-historical perspectives of Christian morality and Christian ethics. This course deals extensively with moral life as based on fundamental option; understanding of sin and conversion; understanding of common good and justice; and conscience, freedom and authority.	3	PH103; TH114; TH115	Fundamentals of Moral Theology
HS123	Church History	This course discuss the interaction between community of faith and the events in our history which affected it. The students in this course shall evaluate such interaction to have a deeper understanding of the dynamic community of faith.	3	-	Church History
GS101	Gender Studies	This course is designed to let the students be equipped with awareness, understanding of, and concern about gender issues and their relation to religion and theology. It involves debates over the context of gender in biological science and/or in the context of socialization processes. The course will also discuss how Christianity and Christian theology have affected our understanding and experience of gender. The course seeks to further explore many of the gender issues that we are struggling with today, including family and workplace relations, reproductive rights, and gender violence. The course will argue that, cross-culturally, gender relations, as they are lived today, have changed, so can change, and must continue to change, so that women, and also men, can meet their full potential in themselves and their relationships. It will look at how feminism and feminist theologies are contributing to this change. And it will consider how the students, in their home context, are affected and can contribute.	3	-	Gender Studies
	Elective (Major)		3	-	
THIRD YEAR –SECOND SEMESTER					
SC104	Johannine Studies	This course studies essential Johannine themes like the "Word", Life and Light, Love, Glory,	3	SC101 SC102	Johannine Studies

		Witness, Discipleship Epistles and the Book of Revelation. Recent research on these themes will be explored.			
TH121	Sacraments and Liturgy	This course enables the students to deepen their understanding of Christian Liturgy and Sacraments with the end view of living out their faith more deeply and in an authentic manner. This course explores the meaning of signs and symbols with emphasis to the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation	3	PH103 TH114	Sacraments and Liturgy
TH126	Social Teachings of the Church	This course introduces to the students the social teachings of the Church and provides a framework for analyzing the Christian response to the problems of society in the context of evangelization.	3	-	Social Teachings of the Church
HS125	Asian Church History	This course studies the development of the Church in Asia. It also explores the cultural factors that conditioned and influenced the Asian people's acceptance and understanding of the Christian message.	3	HS123	Asian Church History
RS101	Craft of Research Writing	This course is designed to equip undergraduate students with the competence to do research and write a research paper in religious studies (for undergraduates by providing a survey of both qualitative and quantitative techniques of research, with special emphasis on feminist and Third World perspectives, methods and language. Areas and topic for research in religious studies and formation will be explored and identified. The course uses the Kate Turabian (7 th edition) style of writing with a draft of a review of literature and an outline of a research topic as its expected output.	3	EN101	Craft of Research Writing
	Elective (Major)		3	-	

FOURTH YEAR –FIRST SEMESTER

Subject Code	Subject Name	Course Description	Units	Prerequisite	Equivalent Subject with the Old Curriculum (2018-2019)
CA101	Catechetics 1	This course is an introduction to and exploration of the foundations and core of Christian catechetics.	3	-	Catechetics 1
TH129	Introduction to Women and Children	This course explores how women and religion affect one another, in the spiritual, theological, moral, cultural, political and economic dimensions. The course discuss the lives of women in the bible and history and how they have been perceived historically and in the	3	GS101	Introduction to Women and Children

		contemporary. It studies the experience and role of women in major religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Chinese religions. It also includes discussion on women's contributions to interreligious dialogues.			
TH138	Pastoral Approaches	This course offers theological and socio-pastoral framework for understanding basic Ecclesial Communities as a direction, context, and strategy for pastoral ministry. Opportunities are provided for reflection and sharing, integration and deepening of experiences in fostering these grassroots communities to transform society.	3	-	Pastoral Approaches
SC105	Introduction to Pauline Studies	This course provides a brief introduction to the life of Paul and his importance to the early Church community. It will study the Pauline letters as "conversations in context."	3	SC101 SC102	Introduction to Pauline Studies
SC106	Prophetic Language	This course provides an introductory assessment on the historical and sociological setting of the prophetic literature of ancient Israel for the schism until to the period of dispersion and restoration. Selected passages from the various prophetic books are treated.	3	SC101	Prophetic Language
	Elective (Major)		3		
FOURTH YEAR –SECOND SEMESTER					
CA102	Methods in Religious Education	This course provides methods and techniques of teaching Catechetics, preparing catechetical materials, lesson planning, and syllabus making. It includes a workshop for audiovisual catechesis.	3	CA101	Methods in Religious Education
TH140	Theology of Mission	This course introduces the students to the main themes of contemporary theology of mission. It offers a theological reflection on the nature of mission (God's mission, Christ's mission) and on the tasks of mission today (the mission of the Church). It involves some biblical foundations for mission, a historical overview of the ways in which the Church has understood and has responded to Christ's missionary mandate in both the Catholic and Protestant traditions, and significant trends and themes in the ecumenical missionary paradigm and explores new ways of doing mission in Christ's way.	3	SC101 SC102	Theology of Mission
TH141	Marian Theology	This course is taking a historical approach, the course will take a long look at Mary of Nazareth, the first century Jewish young woman, before she was put onto a pedestal and bedecked in the fine clothes and jewelry or earthly queens. Her image will be deconstructed from an unreachable ideal	3	SC101 SC102	Marian Theology

		of womanhood and reconstructed into a woman-disciple who is one of us. Mary will be considered in her significance as a young woman of faith, mother to Jesus, disciple, and a member of the community of the faithful. Her meaning and significance will be re-appropriated for contemporary Christians. Biblical narratives, dogmatic declarations, apparitions, devotional prayers, ritual and songs will be examined and evaluated in the course. If possible, educational trips will be scheduled.			
SC107	Psalms and Wisdom Literature	The Book of Psalms is the first book of the Ketuvim/Writings, the third division of the Hebrew Bible. After a brief overview of the books of Ketuvim, and an introduction to Hebrew Poetry, its definition and features, we will study various psalms in the Book of Psalms paying particular attention to those psalms used liturgically in the Sunday cycle of readings.	3	SC101	Psalms and Wisdom Literature
SP144	Introduction to Spirituality & Culture	This course explains the emergence of faith particularly Filipino and Asian faith. The course examines the connection between diverse cultures and spirituality. Students of this course are expected to apply their learnings with their life experiences as they continue their commitment with God.	3	-	Introduction to Spirituality & Culture
	Elective (Major)		3		