
CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-046 THE THEOLOGY OF EASTERN CHRISTIANITY PART I

COURSE OUTLINE

The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part I will invite participants to appreciate the theology of the Eastern Christianity and its effect on the whole of life. One of the most distinguishing characteristics of Eastern Theology is the emphasis on the transcendence or the mystery of God. In this course, participants will be introduced to the themes of God as Mystery, Creator and Trinity.

General Course Objectives

1. Learn about the Theology of Eastern Christianity
2. Consider the themes of God as Mystery, Creator and Trinity
3. Explore the Eastern Christian emphasis on God as transcendence
4. Understand the loving intimacy of God

Course Structure and Highlights

Lesson 1: Early Christianity: A Brief History

Lesson 2: Signposts on the Way

Lesson 3: God Reveals God's Self To Us

Lesson 4: God as Mystery

Lesson 5: Essence and Energies of God

Lesson 6: God as Trinity

Lesson 7: God as Trinity: The Two Hands of God the Father

Lesson 8: God in God's Fullness

Lesson 9: God as Creator

Lesson 10: Evil, Suffering and the Fall

Textbooks

[Archimandrite Kallistos Ware. *The Orthodox Way*. St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. Crestwood, NY, 1995.](#)

References

[The Catechism of the Ukrainian-Greek-Catholic Church \(UGCC\), English Translation, 2016.](#)

[The Holy Bible.](#)

Assessment

The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part I consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.