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

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CCS-066 FAITH AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE OUTLINE

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**Faith and International Development provides a broad overview of faith-based approaches to international aid and development, how a faith-based lens differs from a secular one, and examines the motivations and theological elements that affect a faith-based model of international development, and the impact of different approaches on practical outcomes in global issues.**

**General Course Objectives**

1. Develop a strong understanding of the key themes of Catholic Social Teaching.
2. Recognize the economic, political, and social dimensions of global issues.
3. Analyze, critique and debate approaches to global issues, through short-written reflections and online discussion.
4. Develop an informed and analytical understanding of the Church as an actor in international aid and development.
5. Understand and apply key concepts through practical engagement with faith-based international development organizations.

**Course Structure and Highlights**

**Week 1: Global Development: Focus and Practice**

**Week 2: The History of Faith-Based Development**

**Week 3: The Abrahamic Faiths and A Call to Compassion**

**Week 4: Eastern Religions and Human Kindness**

**Week 5: Faith Matters for Global Development**

**Resources**

[\*The Catechism of the Catholic Church.\*](#)

[\*The Holy Bible.\*](#)

**Assessment**

Faith and International Development 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.