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

CCS-067 CATHOLICISM AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE OUTLINE

Catholicism and International Development - This course takes the student further into Catholic Social Analysis, and how this affects the Catholic approach to international development, what it means to have Solidarity as a governing principle, as well as the way in which the Church situates herself in the world. Students will see the link between the Catholic Social Teaching principles and this model of aid and will be introduced to the relevant encyclicals, Scripture, and analytical models like See, Judge, Act.

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: The Vision of Catholic Social Thought

Week 2: Catholic Social Teaching on Human Rights and Solidarity

Week 3: Integral Human Development and Social Analysis

Week 4: Solidarity and Rights

Week 5: See, Judge, Act

Resources

Clark, Meghan J. [*The Vision of Catholic Social Thought: The Virtue of Solidarity and the Praxis of Human Rights*](#). Fortress Press, 2014.

Online Documents.

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

[*The Holy Bible*](#).

Assessment

Catholicism 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.