

COURSES

In the Classroom, Online, and Overseas

Students study in our new Academic and Conference Center as well as take courses completely online or in a blended format (combination of online and on-campus) with our professors who are certified by the Catholic Distance Learning Network.

CTU is in a consortium of theological graduate schools in the Chicago area that form the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS). Students enrolled at CTU are able to register for courses through CTU at any of these schools. Students have access to more than 1,000 courses each year through ACTS.

CTU also has an extensive Biblical Study and Travel program that offers a semester in Greece, Turkey, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, for which students can earn up to twelve credit-hours. There are shorter trips to Israel, Jordan, Turkey, and Italy which can also be taken for credit.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Tools to Enhance Your Education

The new Academic and Conference Center offers spacious classrooms with Wi-Fi throughout the building. The library houses more than 150,000 volumes and subscribes to over forty electronic databases that can be accessed on and off campus. In addition, students have access to more than nine million items through the I-Share system and may borrow materials from the other Chicago area theological schools and the University of Chicago.



The mission of Catholic Theological Union is to prepare effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace.

OUR VISION

In concert with our sponsoring religious communities, our founding mission is the academic and pastoral preparation of religious order candidates for the ordained priesthood and support for the formation and continuing education efforts of these religious communities.

Moreover, as a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry, we are dedicated to offering quality theological education and ongoing formation for laity, religious, and clergy who are preparing for or who are already engaged in ministry in the United States and around the world.

As an inter-cultural community of faith and learning, we seek to bring the richness of the Roman Catholic tradition, teaching, and practice to our students, to the broader Church, and to the public. We accomplish this through our graduate degree programs, our faculty, our programs for youth and young adults, and a variety of other educational opportunities and resources.

In communion with the Church, we are committed to ecumenism as well as interreligious dialogue, particularly with the Jewish and Muslim communities, and we welcome students from those communities who are seeking to study in a Catholic context.

We strive to accomplish this mission in a community environment composed of religious, clergy, and lay women and men who mirror the local and global Catholic Church in all its vibrant diversity.

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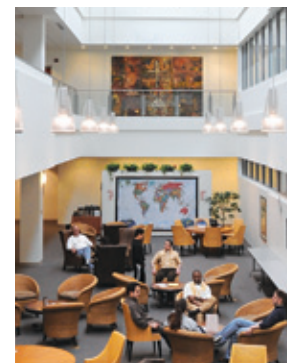
SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

Exciting New Scholarship Opportunities

CTU is committed to working with qualified students to access need-based and merit-based financial assistance in order to make theological and ministerial education accessible. Resources for financial aid are drawn from a range of scholarship funds, matching grants, loans, and student employment.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about what CTU has to offer, visit www.ctu.edu. For specific questions about pursuing study at CTU, contact the Office of Admissions at 773.371.5451 or by email at admissions@ctu.edu.



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THE CTU STORY

Catholic Theological Union came into existence in 1968, a very turbulent and uncertain time in the world. Committed to the promise and hope that the Second Vatican Council brought to the life of the Church, three religious orders decided to take a chance, merge their respective schools of theology based on a model of collaboration, and form a union.

CTU was established in an urban center – Hyde Park – so that future priests could learn in an ever-changing and diverse world. Here, near the University of Chicago and other Christian schools of theology, academic training was heightened and the spirit of ecumenism became part of the seminarians' formation. Within a few years, CTU opened its doors to lay students, enabling lay men and women, religious sisters and brothers, priests, and seminarians to study alongside one another.

CTU has grown to be the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in the United States. Today, there are twenty-five sponsoring religious orders that send students to CTU. Students from all over the world, of every age and vocation, study together. They learn about the Catholic faith as well as how to dialogue with other Christian and Abrahamic faith traditions – Judaism and Islam. With a distinguished and world-renowned faculty, CTU is a place where students are challenged, mentored, and prepared for a life of service.

With more than 3,500 graduates serving worldwide, CTU has brought, and will continue to bring, God's hope and love where it is most needed.



LIFE AT CTU

Beyond the Classroom

Located just south of the Chicago loop in the beautiful and historic neighborhood of Hyde Park, CTU is just two blocks from Lake Michigan and minutes from all the attractions of Chicago. CTU has both residential and commuter students. On-campus housing is available.

There are many opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom. They participate in the many social, organizational, and cultural events offered throughout the year. They attend lectures on diverse topics given by experts in the field. And they join the wider CTU community in prayer services and daily liturgy.

THE BERNARDIN CENTER

Theology and Ministry in Action

CTU is also the home of The Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry, created with the blessing of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to foster understanding in areas such as reconciliation, peacemaking, pastoral leadership, interreligious dialogue, and the consistent ethic of life. Through scholarships, *Catholics on Call*, *Peacebuilders Initiative*, *Catholic Common Ground Initiative*, public lectures, conferences, theological research, and other programs, the Center helps CTU reach the broader Church and public. CTU students have the opportunity to participate in the many offerings of The Bernardin Center throughout the year.

PROFESSORS

Mentors First

CTU has a distinguished faculty with more than thirty full-time members, many of whom are world-renowned scholars and theologians. While committed to academic excellence and continuing to develop expertise in their fields, they are also dedicated to helping students prepare for a life of ministry and service. A priority of CTU's faculty is to serve as mentors to their students. Unlike many graduate schools, CTU professors do not have teaching assistants. CTU professors and adjunct professors teach all courses at CTU.



STUDENT BODY

Experience the Global Church

Students come to CTU from the United States and sixty-five countries – a diverse student body that truly reflects today's global Church. There are students who are exploring a specific vocation, preparing for a new ministry, enhancing their current work, or immersing themselves in theology for personal growth. All are welcome. CTU offers students an education that will help them prepare for whatever comes next in their lives. From the beginning, CTU has been dedicated to ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. CTU continues this commitment by educating Protestant, Muslim, and Jewish students who bring a richness to the CTU community.

Students' life experiences enhance the learning at CTU. Seminarians, lay women and men, religious and ordained study side-by-side, helping one another prepare to serve the people of God.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Right Fit for You

If you are aspiring to serve in ministry or are already engaged in pastoral work, CTU has a degree program that will help you prepare for what God is calling you to do. There are a number of degrees available, ranging from the **Master of Divinity** to the **Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies** to one of our five **Professional Ministerial Master of Arts degrees** (in **Biblical Ministry**, **Hispanic Theology and Ministry**, **Intercultural Ministry**, **Justice Ministry**, or **Liturgy**). For those interested in teaching theology, preparing for further graduate work, or seeking a position in the broader Church or faith-based organizations, CTU offers the **Master of Arts in Theology – General Academic or Research**. And if you have a Master of Divinity degree (or equivalent) and have more than five years of service, the **Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry** is available. Each degree program offers specializations or concentrations which will enable you to focus your study in an area that interests you.

CERTIFICATES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Getting Started or Continuing Professional Growth

In addition to the various degree programs, students have the opportunity to specialize in a specific area with the non-degree certificate programs. If taken for credit, certificate coursework can be applied toward a degree program. Certificates are offered in the following areas: **Biblical Spirituality**, **Health Care Leadership**, **Hispanic Theology and Ministry**, **Intercultural Studies**, **Interreligious Studies**, **Liturgical Studies**, **Mission Studies**, **Pastoral Studies**, **Spiritual Formation**, and **Spirituality**. Certificates in Hispanic Theology and Ministry and Pastoral Studies can be earned entirely online.

CTU also offers continuing education and sabbatical opportunities. Students may audit courses during the academic year, participate in the Summer Institute, design an individual sabbatical, or participate in the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program.