

Fall 2026 Registration is open from June 29 - August 14

Upon submission of the Enrollment Agreement form, students will be registered in their appropriate courses according to their program start date. If you have not received or submitted your Enrollment Agreement form or have any questions about your degree plan, then please reach out to your Senior Program Coordinator, Jessica Guerrero, at jessicaguerrero@sandiego.edu.

Most textbooks can be referenced in the Digital Theological Library (see details below). For any textbooks listed below that you will need to purchase/rent, please note you can purchase your textbooks in any modality (e-text, hardcopy, etc.) from a vendor of your choice unless otherwise specified. Please note that these textbooks will not be available via the USD Torero Bookstore.

Core Course	Dates	Required Textbooks
<p>MTS 510: Following Francis: An Introduction to the Franciscan Tradition (New Students)</p>	<p>09/01/2026 to 10/19/2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None to Purchase</p> <p>All required textbooks are available on the Digital Theological Library. Please note that you will not be required to read the textbooks in their entirety, so you may not want to purchase your own copy - even if you prefer a physical book.</p> <p>Optional: If you are interested in purchasing a textbook from this course outside of the Digital Theological Library, here is the list of textbooks used in the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William J. Short, <i>Poverty and Joy: The Franciscan Tradition</i> ISBN-10: 1570752958 ISBN-13: 978-1570752957 2. Andre Vauchez, <i>Francis of Assisi. The Life and Afterlife of a Medieval Saint</i> ISBN-10: 030019837X ISBN-13: 978-0300198379 3. Darleen Pryds, <i>Women of the Streets: Early Franciscan Women and their Mendicant Vocation</i> ISBN-10: 1576592065 ISBN-13: 978-1576592069 4. Norbert Nguyen Van Khanh, <i>The Teacher of his Heart: Christ in the Writings of St. Francis</i> ISBN-10: 1576590666

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<p style="text-align: center;">MTS 515: Introduction to Franciscan Theology (New Students)</p>	<p>10/20/2026 to 12/07/2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None to Purchase</p> <p>All required textbooks are available on the Digital Theological Library. Please note that you will not be required to read the textbooks in their entirety, so you may not want to purchase your own copy - even if you prefer a physical book.</p> <p>Optional: If you are interested in purchasing a textbook from this course outside of the Digital Theological Library, here is the list of textbooks used in the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen Bevans, <i>An Introduction to Theology in Global Perspective</i>. (Maryknoll NY: Orbis Books, 2009). ISBN-13: 978-1570758522 ISBN-10: 1570758522 2. Maria Calisi, <i>Trinitarian Perspectives in the Franciscan Tradition</i>. (St Bonaventure NY: Franciscan Institute, 2008). ISBN-10: 1576592049 ISBN-13: 978-1576592045 3. Ilija Delio, O.S.F., <i>A Franciscan View of Creation: Learning to Live in a Sacramental World</i>. (St Bonaventure NY: Franciscan Institute, 2003). ISBN-10: 1576592014 ISBN-13: 978-1576592014 4. Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J., <i>Understanding John Duns Scotus: 'Of Realty the Rarest-Veined Unraveller'</i>. (St Bonaventure NY: Franciscan Institute, 2017). ISBN-10: 1576594130 ISBN-13: 978-1576594131 5. Norbert Nguyen van Khanh, <i>The Teacher of his Heart: Christ in the Writings of St. Francis</i>. (St Bonaventure NY: Franciscan Institute, 1994). ISBN-10: 1576590666 ISBN-13: 978-1576590669
<p style="text-align: center;">MTS 540:</p>	<p>09/01/2026 to 10/19/2026</p>	<p>None to Purchase</p>

<p>Moral Theology: Conscience and the Common Good (Returning Students)</p>		<p>All required textbooks are available on the Digital Theological Library. Please note that you will not be required to read the textbooks in their entirety, so you may not want to purchase your own copy - even if you prefer a physical book.</p> <p>Optional: If you are interested in purchasing a textbook from this course outside of the Digital Theological Library, here is the list of textbooks used in the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bretzke, James T. <i>A Morally Complex World: Engaging Contemporary Moral Theology</i>. Liturgical Press, 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0814651582 ISBN-10: 0814651585 2. Gula, Richard M. <i>The Good Life: Where Morality and Spirituality Converge</i>. Paulist Press, 1999. ISBN-13: 978-0809138593 ISBN-10: 080913859X 3. Gula, Richard M. <i>Reason Informed by Faith: Foundations of Catholic Morality</i>. Paulist Press, 1989. ISBN-13: 978-0809130665 ISBN-10: 9780809130665 4. Massaro, Thomas. <i>Pope Francis as Moral Leader: Ethicist, Discerner, Communicator, and Advocate for Social Justice</i>. Paulist Press, 2023. ISBN-13: 978-0809156634 ISBN-10: 0809156636 5. Mattison III, William C., and John Berkman, eds. <i>Searching for a Universal Ethic: Multidisciplinary, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Responses to the Catholic Natural Law Tradition</i>. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0802868442 ISBN-10: 0802868444 6. Nairn, Thomas. <i>A Franciscan Moral Vision: Responding to God's Love</i>. Baker & Taylor Publisher Services (BTPS), 2013. ISBN-13: 978-1576592083 ISBN-10: 1576592081
<p>MTS 545: Christology: Who Do You Say That I Am? (Returning Students)</p>	<p>10/20/2026 to 12/07/2026</p>	<p>None to Purchase</p> <p>All required textbooks are available on the Digital Theological Library or Copley Library. Please note that you will not be required to read the textbooks in their entirety, so you may not want to purchase your own copy - even if you</p>

		<p>prefer a physical book.</p> <p>Optional: If you are interested in purchasing a textbook from this course outside of the Digital Theological Library, here is the list of textbooks used in the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas P. Rausch, <i>Who is Jesus? An Introduction to Christology</i> (Liturgical Press, 2003) 2. Elizabeth Johnson, <i>Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology</i> (Crossroad Publishing Company, 1995). 3. Elizabeth Johnson, <i>Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril</i> (Orbis Press, 2019). <p>Recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robin Ryan, CP, <i>Christology 101: The Catholic's Guide to Christ's Person, Nature, and Mission</i> (2016). Available through Audible, Amazon, and Learn 25.
<p>MTS 599: Capstone: Finding Your Voice in the Franciscan Tradition (Returning Students)</p>	<p>09/01/2026 to 12/07/2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None to Purchase</p> <p>All required textbooks are available on the Digital Theological Library or Copley Library. Please note that you will not be required to read the textbooks in their entirety, so you may not want to purchase your own copy - even if you prefer a physical book.</p> <p>Optional: If you are interested in purchasing a textbook from this course outside of the Digital Theological Library, here is the list of textbooks used in the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anne Sigismund Huff, <i>Writing for Scholarly Publication</i> (Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1999). ISBN-13: 9780761918059 ISBN-10: 0761918051 2. Jane Vennard, <i>Be Still: Designing and Leading Contemplative Retreats</i> (Alban Institute, 2000). ISBN-13: 9781566992299 ISBN-10: 156699229X

Key for dates:

Course A

Course B

DIGITAL THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY (DTL):

All students in the Master of Theological Studies program have access to the Digital Theological Library (DTL), which contains most of the textbook materials used throughout your program. Please note that there may be required textbooks to purchase outside of the materials included in the DTL. The Digital Theological Library (DTL) can be accessed using this link: [Digital Theological Library](#). Be sure to select the “Franciscan School of Theology” and enter your Student ID to access.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

We are happy to offer courtesy registration for your program! You will be emailed directions to your @sandiego.edu email address for continuous registration from the Student Success Team. Please reach out to your Program Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.