



AMS-Catholic Distance University Partnership

Catholic Distance University ([CDU](#)) offers 60 independent study courses (mostly in English, with an increasing number of courses in Spanish) along with a few seminar-style facilitated courses (English only). The courses and seminars are excellent for adult faith formation and for meeting the AMS catechist certification requirement.

The following is a correlation of the courses/seminars to the 14 standards of Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization: Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide. The correlation helps adults and catechists discern the course that will meet their faith formation needs to proclaim Christ as missionary disciple in the spirit of the New Evangelization.

Coordinators of Religious Education (CRE) who do not hold a Master's degree in Theology or a related field are encouraged to pursue the [Basic Certificate in Catechesis](#).

Use the access code **CDU15MILITARY** when you create your account/profile to apply the partnership subsidized price of **\$45 for independent study courses** and **\$65 for online seminars**, marked at the regular registration fee of \$89 and \$99 respectively in the [Course Catalog](#). You can take either one course or one seminar to meet the AMS requirements through CDU.

On-line seminars explore various topics in the field of Apologetics. Some of these seminars correlate with the Archdiocesan Curriculum Guide.

Schedule of On-line Seminars in 2023-2024		
Seminar Title	Dates	Correlated with AMS Standards
Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil Pain and Suffering?	January 16 - February 6, 2023	Catholic Principles and Relationships
How are We Saved? The Catholic View of Salvation	June 12 - July 3, 2023	Creed
Why Do We Need the Church?	August 14 - September 4, 2023	Catholic Church
The Art of Evangelization Through Apologetics	October 2 - 23, 2023	Missionary Vocation
Proclaiming the Reality of God: Compelling Evidence for God's Existence	January 15 - February 5, 2024	Missionary Vocation
Making the Case for Christ	June 17 - July 8, 2024	Missionary Vocation

Independent Study Courses

- Completely self-paced and easily completed within two months
- Each course awards Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and clock hours. One CEU equals 10 hours of course engagement/participation.

CDU Independent Study Courses Correlated with AMS Catechetical Curriculum Standards

1. Creed

- a. THEO N004 Introduction to the Catechism
- b. THEO N005 The Profession of Faith
- c. THEO SN005 *Profesión de Fe*

2. Sacred Scripture

- a. THEO N113 The Way Catholics Use Scripture
- b. THEO N107 Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*)
- c. SCRPT N004 Introduction to Scripture and the Gospel Message
- d. SCRPT SN004 *Introducción a las Escrituras*
- e. SCRPT N050 The Psalms: Israel's Prayer and Ours
- f. SCRPT N022 Introduction to Genesis
- g. SCRPT N034 Historical Books of the Old Testament
- h. SCRPT N145 Wisdom Books of the Old Testament
- i. SCRPT N146 Christ: The Suffering Servant of Isaiah
- j. SCRPT N004 Intro to Scripture and the Gospel Message
- k. SCRPT N066 The Gospel of St. Matthew
- l. SCRPT N067 The Gospel of St. Mark
- m. SCRPT N068 The Gospel of St. Luke
- n. SCRPT N162 The Gospel of St. John
- o. SCRPT N061 Acts of the Apostles
- p. SCRPT N174 Letters of St. Paul I

3. Sacraments

- a. THEO N006 The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
- b. THEO SN006 *La Celebración del Misterio Cristiano*
- c. THEO N068 The Way to Inner Peace and Mercy
- d. SPIR N055 Eucharistic Devotions

4. Liturgy

- a. THEO N108 The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
- b. THEO N158 Liturgy of the Hours
- c. THEO N056 The Mass: History, Theology, and Spirituality (*late 2023*)

5. Conscience

- a. SCRPT N148 The Prophets and Morality
- b. THEO N068 The Way to Inner Peace and Mercy
- c. THEO N007 Life in Christ
- d. THEO SN007 *La Vida en Cristo*
- e. THEO N173 Basics of Morality

6. Christian Living

- a. THEO N007 Life in Christ
- b. THEO N173 Basics of Morality
- c. THEO N164 The Ten Commandments: One to Five
- d. THEO N165 The Ten Commandments: Six to Ten
- e. THEO N106 The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*)
- f. THEO N168 JPPII: Culture of Life

7. Prayer

- a. THEO N008 Christian Prayer
- b. THEO SN008 *Oración Cristiana*
- c. SPIR N156 Classics in Prayer and the Spiritual Life
- d. SPIR N037 Scriptural Foundations of the Hail Mary
- e. SPIR N055 Eucharistic Devotions
- f. SCRPT N050 The Psalms: Israel's Prayer and Ours
- g. SPIR N057 The Our Father: Gateway to Scripture
- h. SPIR N113 St. Augustine's Confessions and City of God (*late 2023*)

8. Catholic Church

- a. THEO N105 The Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*)
- b. THEO SN105 *La Constitucion de La Iglesia (Lumen Gentium)*
- c. THEO N106 The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*)
- d. CHIST N025 The True Story of the Crusades
- e. CHIST N168 The Life and Pontificate of St. John Paul II
- f. CHIST N128 Early American Catholic History
- g. CHIST N138 The Rise of American Catholicism
- h. CHIST N148 Modern American Catholic History
- i. CHIST N161 The History of Vatican Council II
- j. THEO N038 Mary: Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the Church
- k. CHIST N086 Pope Pius XII: In Defense of Truth
- l. CHIST N073 The Inquisition (*late 2023*)
- m. THEO N143 Introduction to the Eastern Fathers of the Church (*late 2023*)

9. Ecumenism

10. Catholic Principles and Relationships

- a. THEO N084 Catholic Parenting 101 (late 2023)

11. Vocation

- a. SPIR N064 Vatican II: Lay Spirituality

12. Catholic Social Teaching

- a. THEO N188 Living Mercy: Social Doctrine of the Church

13. Inter-Religious Dialogue

14. Missionary Vocation

- a. RELED N042 Forming Disciples: The Tasks of Catechesis
b. RELED N001 Basic Catechetics for Discipleship
c. RELED N066 The Catholic School: Identity and Leadership
d. RELED N036 Teaching High School Religion

Continuing Education Certificates

CDU recognizes that many Catholic adults desire to study the Faith so they can actively share this knowledge with others and evangelize. Catholic adults, by nature of their Baptism, are called to continuously reflect on the Church's 2,000-year heritage in order to integrate the Faith into contemporary society.

In response, CDU offers noncredit certificates designed to provide a systematic approach to the study of a number of subjects.

Basic Certificate in Apologetics
Basic Certificate in Catechetics
Certificate in the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Diocesan Lay Leadership Certificate
Basic Certificate in Christian Morality
Basic Certificate in Prayer and Spirituality
Basic Certificate in the New Testament
Basic Certificate in the Old Testament
Basic Certificate in Sacred Scripture
Basic Certificate in Vatican II
Basic Certificate in Catholic Education
Basic Certificate in Church History