

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Franciscan International Study Centre was formally opened in September 1974 on the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the first Franciscan house in Canterbury.

The Centre has become a widely recognised institution in the Franciscan world and beyond for its specialist teaching. It also houses an exceptional Franciscan and Theology library.

The Centre offers two certificates: a Certificate in Franciscan Studies and a Certificate in Training for Franciscan Formation. Each of these certificates can be earned within six months, namely, during the Michaelmas (Oct-Dec) and Lent (Jan-Mar) terms of a given year. (For students enrolled from countries outside the European Union this means that a visiting student visa suffices). Both certificates are self-validating and awarded by the Centre.

We also welcome those who wish to come for a sabbatical in the beautiful surroundings and peaceful atmosphere of the Centre. Those on sabbatical are free to follow the modules and short courses that are of interest to them. Excursions to sites of historical and cultural interest are offered.

We also offer two Ecumenical Training Programmes in Spiritual Direction, one during the Trinity Term (Apr-Jun, full-time and residential), and the other over the course of the academic year (part-time, non-residential).



Certificate In Franciscan Studies

2016/17 Academic Year



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CERTIFICATE IN FRANCISCAN STUDIES

Through the Certificate in Franciscan Studies the Franciscan family passes on its spiritual heritage to its members – lay and religious – from around the world. It is a comprehensive programme that studies the foundation, history, spirituality and intellectual legacy of the Franciscan movement. It provides the opportunity to deepen one's own understanding of what it means to be a Franciscan, either at the outset of the journey or at an integrating moment later along the way.

Course Aims:

- to ground participants in Franciscan life, or to help those renew and deepen their grounding
- to enable participants to reflect on how to live out the implications of Franciscan Charism today
- to give participants the language to communicate their insights to others
- to help satisfy statutory requirements of initial and ongoing formation set forth by various Franciscan religious institutions

Fees:

- Tuition fees £6,000
- Accommodation per term £1,400
- Lunchtime Meals Monday to Friday per term £350
(the kitchen closes outside of term time)

Course outline:

Michaelmas Term (compulsory)

- Franciscan History I: Early Movement (Chris Shorrock)
- Writings of St Francis and St Clare (Stefan Acatrinei)
- Aspects of Franciscan Spirituality (Antony Jukes)

- Franciscan Intellectual Tradition I (Monica Tobon, Tom Herbst & Tom Reist)

Lent Term (compulsory)

- Franciscan History II: 1272 to 1517 (Chris Shorrock)
- Franciscan History III: 1517 Onwards (Tom Reist)
- Hagiography (Stefan Acatrinei)
- Companions and Disciples of St Francis (Stefan Acatrinei)
- Franciscan Spirituality of the Sacraments (Antony Jukes)
- Franciscan Intellectual Tradition II (Monica Tobon, Tom Herbst & Tom Reist)

Assessment:

A wide range of assessment methods will be used (e.g. essays, class presentations, book reviews etc.)

Further Information:

See our website www.franciscans.ac.uk or contact us at info@franciscans.ac.uk

