MONASTIC STUDIES (MONS)

MONS 402 Monastic History I: Pre-Benedict (3 Credits)
The rise of monasticism within the early Church of East and West to
the time of Benedict. Cross-listed with HCHR 413.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: HCHR 413, HHTH 413

MONS 404 Monastic History II: Benedict to the Reformation (3 Credits)
The development of Western monastic life and reform movements from
the early Middle Ages through the fifteenth century. Cross-listed with
HCHR 415.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: HCHR 415, HHTH 415

MONS 406 Monastic History III: Reformation to the Present (3 Credits)
The decline of Western monasticism in the sixteenth century through
its revival in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Cross-listed with
HCHR 417.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: HCHR 417, HHTH 417

MONS 408 Contemporary Monasticism (3 Credits)
The multiplicity of expressions of monastic life: from intentional
communities to heritages, from traditional Benedictine and Cistercian
communities to ecumenical, inter-faith and Protestant communities, from
solely vowed religious to various forms of affiliation of lay membership.
The changing face of monasticism in the 21st century.
Prerequisites: None

MONS 410 Rule of Benedict (3 Credits)
The Rule and its sources; exegesis of the text; issues of interpretation.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: MONS 440, SPIR 440

MONS 412 Monastic Structures (1 Credit)
The history of Benedictine monastic structures of governance, including
individual monasteries and congregations. The present laws governing
monasteries. The rights and obligations of monastics. Visions for the
future.
Prerequisites: None

MONS 421 Monastic Liturgy (3 Credits)
The liturgical shape of organized monastic life: the Liturgy of the Hours,
the Eucharist, rites of admission and profession, the consecration of
virgins, the blessing of abbots and abbesses, rites of the refectory,
rites of hospitality, the washing of feet, rites concerning faults, sin, and
reconciliation, rites for the sick, dying and dead.
Prerequisites: None

MONS 423 Monastic Formation (3 Credits)
The formation of the Christian in the context of the faith-giving
community. Conversatio, stability and obedience. Conveying and
supporting faith in the monastic context through eagerness for the work
of God, for obedience and for humble service. Special emphasis on lectio
divina. Examination of the ways monasticism has traditionally realized
community: common prayer, common meals, common decision-making
and common support of work.
Prerequisites: None

MONS 440 Perennial Wisdom of the Rule of Benedict (1 Credit)
This course explores important themes in the Rule of St. Benedict,
such as doing good works in order to reach God's kingdom, being an
apprentice in the spiritual life, having the right interior dispositions (e.g.,
humility), and the usefulness of observances. In addition to reading the
Rule, we will look at some materials from the historical context in which
St. Benedict wrote and some contemporary treatments of related topics.
This course will be valuable for those looking to engage the perennial
wisdom of the Rule more deeply.
Prerequisites: None
Equivalent courses: MONS 410, SPIR 440
MONS 468  Topics in Monastic Studies  (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisites: None