

## ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Franciscan International Study Centre was formally opened in September 1974 on the occasion of the 750<sup>th</sup> 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 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).



## Sabbatical Programme



### 2016/17 Academic Year

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## SABBATICAL PROGRAMME

Integral to our mission at the Franciscan International Study Centre is the welcoming of guests seeking spiritual renewal in the form of a sabbatical. Our beautiful yet convenient location, highly qualified faculty, excellent library and warm community life mean that we are ideally situated to fulfil this role. Each term's sabbatical offerings centre on a specific theme, and a sabbatical can last from one to three terms.

### Course outline:

#### Michaelmas Term – Scripture

- The Gospel of John followed by the writings of Saint Paul
- Theological Dimensions of Revelation
- Scripture and the Arts
- Mariology (linking Marian dogma to Scripture)
- Workshops – including Interpreting Scripture, Intertestamental Writings

#### Lent Term – Franciscan Studies

- The Medieval Giants: Bonaventure and Scotus
- Contemporary Issues: Environment, Economics, Liberation Theology, *Laudato Si*, Ecumenism
- Franciscan Mystics
- Mary and the Franciscan Tradition
- Workshops – including Clare of Assisi, Francis as portrayed in Cinema

#### Trinity Term – Spirituality

- Christian Contemplative Tradition
- Making the most of Spiritual Direction
- Legacy of Augustine followed by Interfaith Dialogue
- Franciscan Story Telling

- Workshops – including Liturgical Spirituality, Art and Spirituality

Excursions to sites of historical and cultural interest are offered.

### Fees:

- Tuition fees per term £2,500
- Accommodation per term £1,500
- Lunchtime Meals Monday to Friday per term £350  
(the kitchen closes outside of term time)

### Further Information:

See our website [www.franciscans.ac.uk](http://www.franciscans.ac.uk) or contact us at [info@franciscans.ac.uk](mailto:info@franciscans.ac.uk)

