

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 Trinity Term (Apr-Jun, full-time and residential), and the other over the course of the academic year (part-time, non-residential).



Certificate in Training for Franciscan Formation



2016/17 Academic Year

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CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING FOR FRANCISCAN FORMATION

The Certificate is a unique programme designed to help prepare religious men and women for the ministry of initial formation entrusted to them by their Franciscan religious institute. Candidates for this Certificate have the opportunity to deepen and expand both theoretical and practical areas of expertise needed to be involved in initial formation.

Course Aims:

- to consolidate one's own initial formation in consecrated life
- to give candidates the theoretical basis for a theology and spirituality of the Franciscan consecrated life
- to develop the skills and practices essential to the ministry of initial formation in Franciscan life

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: Early Movement (Chris Shorrocks)
- Writings of St Francis and St Clare (Stefan Acatrinei)
- Introduction to Accompaniment (John McCluskey)
- History of Christian Spirituality I (Monica Tobon & Tom Herbst)
- Christ in the Writings of St Francis (Tom Herbst)

Lent Term (compulsory)

- Accompaniment in Religious Formation (John McCluskey)

- Practicum (Tom Reist)
- Prayer and Theology of St Francis (Clare Knowles)
- Theology of Consecrated Life (Tom Herbst)
- Developing Community Life (Antony Jukes)
- History of Christian Spirituality II (Monica Tobon & Tom Herbst)

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

