

Basket Course Application

American Catholic Studies Concentration

Fordham University

Dear Fordham Colleagues and CACS Students:

In addition to AMCS 3100 (Discernment Seminar), AMCS 3981 (Catholic Studies Seminar I), and AMCS 3982 (Catholic Studies Seminar II), students in the American Catholic Studies Concentration must complete four additional “basket courses.”

Basket courses must include the following: one course in art history, music, or English; one course in history or Latin American and Latino studies; one course in philosophy or sociology; and one course in theology.

Concentrators normally choose these courses from offerings with the designation “AMCS,” meaning they are offered from within the concentration or have been officially cross-listed with both the concentration and another university department or program.

Occasionally, a course not formally cross-listed with American Catholic Studies may be counted as a “basket course.”

Students must complete this form (and retrieve the signature of the proposed course’s instructor along with a copy of the course syllabus) in order to request inclusion of a non-cross listed course as a Catholic Studies “basket course.”

After receiving this form and the course syllabus, the director and/or associate directors of the program will evaluate the application and determine the applicability of the proposed course to the American Catholic Studies Concentration.

The completed application is due **within two weeks** of the beginning of the semester during which the proposed course is being taken. Submitting the form does not guarantee that a course will “count,” but no courses will count without proper submission of this application.

Only courses which include—either in required assignments or in choice of topic for independent student work—substantial and meaningful Catholic Studies content will count as an American Catholic Studies basket course.

Thank you so much for your help in advancing the education of our students. Please do get in touch if we can be of help, and please feel free to provide your contact information (below) if you would like to propose that future versions of your course be officially cross-listed with American Catholic Studies.

Sincerely,

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For Student:

Course Title:

Course Instructor:

Description of Catholic Studies Content in proposed course. This may include required material or selection of a Catholic Studies topic for elective course work (add additional sheet as needed):

I _____ confirm that the proposed course and my
(Student name)
planned work within it includes substantial and meaningful attention to topics and themes related to the study of Catholics and/or Catholicism. Mastery of the course material will augment my development as a scholar of Catholic Studies. I have obtained the instructor's signature and submitted along with this form a copy of the course syllabus.

Student Signature:

Date:

For Instructor:

I, _____, confirm that
(Instructor name)
_____ has informed me of his/her intention to request
(student name)
inclusion of my course (named above) as one of his/her American Catholic Studies concentration requirements. I confirm that the required or elective work of the course includes (or could include) substantial and meaningful attention to topics and themes related to the study of Catholics and/or Catholicism.

Signature of Instructor of Proposed Course:

Date:

Optional for Instructor:

I **would/would not** like to request that this course be officially cross-listed with American
(check one)

Catholic Studies in the future. You can reach me at:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

For CACS Director or Associate Director:

The course entitled _____ has been
(course number and full title)

Approved/Declined as Basket Course for _____'s work
(check one)

toward the certificate in American Catholic Studies.

Signature of director or associate director of American Catholic Studies:

Date: