

Canon Law & Christian Legal Theory

St. Stephen Harding Theological College and Seminary

Courses numbered 100-499 are appropriate for CEP, Certificates, S.T.L. and Th.B. Studies. Courses with combination numbers, 100-499/500+ may be used for above or graduate studies. Regardless of numbering, a course may only be applied once.

Courses with 500+ numbers are to be used for graduate studies only

The letters after the course text indicate the publisher. See Textbook Resource List.

CL: The study of canon law consists of the study of of church law and regulation. A number of disciplines are related to this subject: theology of canon law, philosophy of law, fundamental concepts of Roman law, elements of civil law, history of the fundamental canonical structures of canon law, history of the sources of canon law, and the relationship between the Church and civil society.

CL 100 - Canon Law: An Introduction (Credit Hours 2)

Two textbooks are required for this course:

- An Introduction to Canon Law, by James A. Coriden (PP)
- The Principles of Canon Law Common to the Churches of the Anglican Communion, by the Anglican Communion Office (AC)

CL 200 - Legal Philosophy (Credit Hours 3)

Two textbooks are required for this course:

- Understanding Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Legal Theory, by Raymond Wacks (OUP)
- Church Law in Modernity: Toward a Theory of Canon Law between Nature and Culture (Law and Christianity), by Judith Hahn (CUP)

CL 300 - Canon Law and Pastoral Ministry (Credit Hours 6)

Prerequisite: CL 100

Three textbooks are required for this course:

- Canon Law As Ministry: Freedom and Good Order for the Church, by James A. Coriden (PP)
- Ethics at the Edges of Law: Christian Moralists and American Legal Thought, by Cathleen Kaveny (OUP)
- Agape, Justice, and Law: How Might Christian Love Shape Law? (Law and Christianity), by Robert Cochran Jr. (CUP)

CL 400/500 – Christian Liberty and the Law (Credit Hours 6)

Three textbooks are required for this course:

- Christianity and Freedom: Volume 1: Historical Perspectives (Law and Christianity), by Timothy Samuel Shah (CUP)
- Christianity and Freedom: Volume 2: Contemporary Perspectives (Law and Christianity), by Allen D Hertzke (CUP)
- Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination, by John Corvino, Ryan T. Anderson, and Sherif Girgis (OUP)

CL 450/550 – Christian Legal Philosophy (Credit Hours 6)

Prerequisite: CL 200

Four textbooks are required for this course:

- God and the Secular Legal System (Law and Christianity), by Rafael Domingo (CUP)
- Christianity and Natural Law: An Introduction (Law and Christianity), by Norman Doe (CUP)
- Natural Law and Natural Rights, by John Finnis (OUP)
- The Philosophy of Law, by Ronald M. Dworkin (OUP)

CL 600 - Christianity and Common Law (Credit Hours 6)

Four textbooks are required for this course:

- Magna Carta, Religion and the Rule of Law, by Robin Griffith-Jones and Mark Hill (CUP)
- Christianity and Law: An Introduction, by John Witte Jr. (CUP)
- Common Law and Natural Law in America: From the Puritans to the Legal Realists (Law and Christianity), by Andrew Forsyth (CUP)
- Church, State, and Family: Reconciling Traditional Teachings and Modern Liberties (Law and Christianity), by John Witte, Jr (CUP)

CL 650 - Advanced Christian Legal Philosophy and Canon Law (Credit Hours 9)

Prerequisite: CL 200 and CL 450/550

Three textbooks are required for this course:

- Canon Law in the Anglican Communion: A Worldwide Perspective, by Norman Doe (OUP)
- Ecclesiastical Law, by Mark Hill (OUP)
- The Cambridge Companion to Natural Law Jurisprudence (Cambridge Companions to Law), by George Duke and Robert P. George (CUP)

Textbook Resource List

CUP	Cambridge University Press	+44 (0) 1223 326 050	https://www.cambridge.org
OUP	Oxford University Press	1-800-445-9714	https://global.oup.com
PP	Paulist Press	800-218-1903	https://www.paulistpress.com

Other Book Source Points

AC	Anglican Communion	https://www.anglicancommunion.org/
A	Amazon	https://www.amazon.com/