

St. Clement of Alexandria Seminary is the official seminary of the Universal Catholic Church; its mission is to train clergy for the worldwide church and to provide continuing theological education for those interested in deepening their knowledge of things spiritual.

After being accepted into the Seminary, students normally matriculate into one of three tracks: one for postulants to Holy Orders, one for those seeking certification in lay theological studies, and one for those interested in personal enrichment. In particular cases, course requirements may be modified depending on the student's academic background. Please remember, though, that acceptance to the Seminary does not guarantee acceptance as a candidate for Holy Orders, as certain residency requirements, time for discernment, a background check, and the express recommendation of one's Bishop must be included for elevation to Orders. Additionally, candidates for Holy Orders will be required to present themselves for personal instruction by their Ordinary.

Upon completion of all specified course work, postulants are awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Divinity, as authorized by the State of California Private Post-Secondary Education Act. Please note, however, no claim of academic accreditation is made. For those who have already earned an undergraduate degree, the Seminary awards a Master of Divinity. For those in the Lay Theology Program, a Certificate of Completion is issued. Our primary purpose is to provide training for Christian Ministry within the Universal Catholic Church. Even so, we welcome all whose intellectual curiosity regarding matters theological, historical, and spiritual leads them to apply. We hope to provide a challenging, rewarding experience for all who aspire to the Higher Call of service in Christ.

Courses are taught in a distance-learning format, whereby students enroll in a given course, are presented with a course syllabus, and then complete assignments, exams, and essays at a pace agreed upon by the student and instructor. Normal completion times vary per course, but, generally, students may expect to complete a given course in the number of weeks indicated by the "Units" indicated, depending on how assiduously they apply themselves. The instructor tries to make him or herself available as much as possible via post, email, or telephone to answer questions that may arise. Upon successful completion of any given course, a letter of completion is provided so the student may then enroll in the next course in the sequence.

Please note that 12 units of level 100 courses must ordinarily be completed before beginning level 200 work, etc. *Elective courses are indicated by italics and may be taken with the permission of the instructor at any stage. Electives will be added from time to time.*

We invite you to apply and to join the growing independent Catholic Movement, building a firmer foundation for the most noble work anyone can do, serving Our Lord and Teacher, Jesus Christ.

--The Staff of St. Clement of Alexandria Seminary

St. Clement Theological Seminary Courses

Courses*	Units	Instructor
Biblical Studies		
BI-100 A Liberal Catholic Perspective An introduction to the Bible from a Liberal Catholic perspective, including its history, sociology, and anthropology, and examining its use in Liberal Catholic worship. Bishop R. McGinnis, <i>Introduction to Biblical Studies</i>	4	✘ Robert Winzens
BI-101 Old Testament An introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, including their history, sociology, and anthropology, and examining its use in Liberal Catholic worship E. Charpentier, <i>How to Read the Old Testament</i>	4	✘ Robert Winzens
BI-102 New Testament An introduction to the Christian Scriptures, including their history, sociology, and anthropology, and examining their use in Liberal Catholic worship. E. Charpentier, <i>How to Read the New Testament</i>	4	✘ Robert Winzens
<i>BI-300 Allegorical Biblical Exegesis*</i> G. Hodson, <i>Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible</i>	4	✘ T.J. Howard
Church History		
CH-100 Church History I An introduction to Catholic Church History. What does it mean to be both liberal and Catholic. Seminary Staff, <i>The Catholic Church and Basic History</i>	2	✘ Dean Becken
CH-101 Church History II An examination of the history of the Christian Church from the Apostolic Age through the Council of Trent. DVD: <i>The Catholic Church: A History Lectures 1-24</i>	5	✘ Dean Becken
CH-102 Church History III An examination of the history of the Roman Catholic Church after Trent up to the present. DVD: <i>The Catholic Church: A History Lectures 25-36 & Axios The Struggle for Papal Power.</i>	5	✘ Dean Becken
CH-200 Church History IV An in-depth analysis of challenges to Orthodox Christianity from its beginnings to the present. Nigg, <i>The Heretics</i>	4	✘ Dean Becken
<i>CH-100 Church History V—Early Church History</i> 4 The Apostolic Fathers: <i>Early Christian Writings</i> :\	4	✘ T.J. Howard
Theology		
TH-100 Sacramental Theology I An introduction to the concepts of the seven Christian Sacraments. Bp. Matthews: <i>A Means of Grace</i>	2	✘ T.J. Howard
TH-200 The Christian Creed Examines the definition of Catholic Christianity and demonstrates that the Churches of the Lib-	6	✘ Robert Winzens

* Courses shown in italics are electives.

eral Catholic Movement exist within that framework. Text by a former Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church.

Bp. Pigott, *The Parting of the Ways*—1st Half

TH-201 Sacramental Theology II 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
An examination of various theories of the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Holy Eucharist with special emphasis on the Liberal Catholic perspective. Text by the First Presiding Bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church.
Bp. Wedgwood, *The Presence of Christ In Holy Communion*

TH-202 Sacramental Theology III 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
An introduction to the special focus of Liberal Catholic worship as an intentional means not only of personal enrichment but also for cosmic evolution.
Bp. Wedgwood, *New Insights into Christian Worship*

TH-300 Sacramental Theology IV 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
An in-depth exploration of Liberal Catholic sacramental theology by one of the Church’s founders, whose insights into the matter were supplemented by clairvoyant investigation.
Bp. Leadbeater, *The Science of the Sacraments*

TH-301 Sacramental Theology V 4 ✘ Robert Winzens
Post Modern
M. Borg, *The God We Never Knew*

Liberal Catholic Theology

LTH-200 Liberal Catholic Theology 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
An exploration of a classic text on Christian esotericism and Liturgy by a former president of the Theosophical Society.
A. Besant, *Esoteric Christianity*

LTH-201 Theology of Apostolic Succession 4 ✘ Dean Bekken
An explanation of the theory of Apostolic Succession and its continuing relevance in the Liberal Catholic Movement, showing how Holy Orders have been strictly preserved from the Christ down through the ages to our present clergy.
A. Cockerham, *The Apostolical Succession in the Liberal Catholic Church*

LTH-202 Universalism 4 ✘ Dean Bekken
An exploration of a basic teaching of the Liberal Catholic Movement and the Universal Catholic Church.
Talbot, *The Inescapable Love of God*

LTH-300 The Theology of Mysticism 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
An exploration of the inner-side of Christian theology, suggesting that the truth of the Gospel must begin with the individual psyche.
B. McGinn, *The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism*

LTH-301 Freedom of Thought 2 ✘ Dean Bekken
Beliefs required of clergy as a condition of ordination.
Bp. Matthews, *Freedom of Thought*

LTH-302 Advanced Esoteric Christianity 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
R. Ellwood, *The Cross and the Grail*

LTH-303 Reincarnation 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
G. MacGregor, *Reincarnation in Christianity: A New Vision of the Role of Rebirth in Christian Thought*

Spirituality

- SC-100 Prayer and Meditation 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
 An introduction to Christian prayer and meditation from a noted Russian Orthodox Metropolitan. Students will keep a spiritual journal, reflecting on their prayer life.
 Bp. Bloom, *Beginning to Pray*

Universal Catholic Movement History

- LH-200 Liberal Catholic History` 4 ✘ Dean Bekken
 An examination of the Liberal Catholic Church's evolution from the Old Catholic Movement in Holland and Great Britain.
 Bp. A. Sayer-Richardson, *The Path to Catholic Liberalism*
- LH-201 Liberal Catholic History II 4 ✘ Dean Bekken
 How the Liberal Catholic Church evolved into its various branches, including the Universal Catholic Church
 Bp. Bekken, *The Liberal Catholic Movement* [In preparation]

Liturgies

- LI-300 History of Eastern & Western Liturgy 6 ✘ Dean Bekken
 A. Watts, *Myth and Ritual In the Christian Church* & Dom Gregory Dix, *The Shape of the Liturgy*
- LI-301 Introduction to Altar Training 8 ✘ Dean Bekken
 Bp. Cooper, *Ceremonies of the Liberal Catholic Rite, The Liturgy of the Liberal Catholic Church* (6th Ed.), and a training DVD.
- LI-302 Eucharist in the Early Church 4 ✘ T.J. Howard
 M. Aquilina, *The Mass of the Early Christians*

Pastoral Counseling

- PC-300 Basic Counseling Skills 4 ✘ Robert Winzens
 An examination of a classic text of pastoral counseling, suggesting that healers must first accept their own wounds before attempting to heal the wounds of others.
 H. Nouwen, *The Wounded Healer*
- PC-301 Basic Counseling Skills II 4 ✘ Robert Winzens
 An in-depth exploration of pastoral counseling, showing how it compares and contrasts with other forms of counseling. Development of practical skills will be encouraged through clinical field work.
 J. Patton, *Pastoral Care An Essential Guide*

Homiletics

- HC-300 Introduction to Homiletics 4 ✘ Robert Winzens
 An introduction to homiletics, "preaching the Word."
 F. Craddock, *Preaching*

Canon Law

- CL-300 Constitutional and Canon Law 4 ✘ Dean Bekken
 An introduction to the Church's constitution and canon law, that which binds all clergy to their bishops and which provides for the orderly conducting of Church business, both at the parochial

and the national level.

General Constitution of the Universal Catholic Church; Provincial Canons of the American Province of the Universal Catholic Church; and Diocesan Canons (where applicable)

Religion

RE-300 Comparative Religion

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✘ T.J. Howard

A phenomenological examination of the five major religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Within each tradition we will explore such questions as "Who is God?" "Who is Man?" "What is the Goal of Life?" "What Hinders Human Progress on the Path?" and "What Happens Next?"

J. Eastman, *The Ways of Religion*

Theosophy

TP-300 Theosophy

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✘ T.J. Howard

An introduction to Theosophy, the study of the perennial philosophy that purports to inform and influence all religions.

Bp. Pigott, *The Parting of the Ways—Second Half*

Matriculation Tracks

Track One: Postulant for Holy Orders.

Students who successfully complete the 108 units of the foregoing list of courses, including at least three electives (excepting those courses for which they might have received credit by transfer or by written waiver) are eligible to receive the Bachelor of Divinity or the Master of Divinity Degree from the St. Clement Seminary. *Their eligibility for Holy Orders remains at the discretion of their Ordinary*, but they will have completed the required academic training.

Track Two: Lay Theologian.

Students who successfully complete 12 courses consisting of the three courses from the BI-100 series and *two courses each* from the following list of subjects shall be eligible to receive the Certificate of Lay Theological Studies from St. Clement Seminary:

Biblical Studies (BI-100, 101, and 102); Church History (CH-100, 101, or 102); Theology (TH-100, 201, or 202); Universal Catholic Theology (LTH-200, 201, or 302); and three other courses.

Track Three: Casual Student.

Students who wish to take courses purely for personal enrichment may certainly do so, yet they must still be formally admitted into the Seminary. Such students will not receive certification unless they formally petition for admission to either Track One or Two. Generally, no more than six courses taken as a Casual Student may apply to Track One or Track Two status.

Tuition and Fees

Application Fee	\$25.00
Tuition (per course) -	\$25.00 (domestic)
includes syllabus,	\$35.00 (international)
instructions, postage, handling.	
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00

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